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Know Your Enemies

Christian Coalition Targets Gays, Feminists

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

"christian Reconstructionism is a call to the Church to awaken to the biblical responsibility to subdue the earth for the glory of God. While holding the priority of individual salvation, christian Reconstruction also holds that cultural renewal is to be the necessary and expected outworking of the gospel as it progressively finds success in the lives and hearts of men. christian Reconstruction therefore looks for and works for the -rebuilding of the institutions of society according to a biblical blueprint." — Sara Diamond, Spiritual Warfare.

The christian Coalition is the ultimate expression and the main instrument of the religious right wing takeover of America. Founded by televangelist Pat Robertson in late 1989, the Coalition claims 250,000 members nationwide in 50 states with over 400 local chapters.

As a grassroots organization the christian Coalition is a political phenomenon with a captive audience and ready-made volunteers and workers to be chosen from the religious faithful throughout the nation. Politically active coalitions of pentecostals, charismatics, evangelicals and fundamentalists have formed chapters nationwide and are on the move to capture both political parties. Currently they are targeting city councils, party central committees, school boards, urban development boards, rural councils and have quietly backed candidates for judicial appointments (i.e. the U.S. Supreme Court's Clarence Thomas is a charismatic Episcopalian), and sheriff and police departments.

By November, 1991 the Coalition held its first annual leadership conference and strategy briefing in Virginia Beach, VA. Called "The Road to Victory," the conference was attended by 521 leaders. The group is well-organized, well-funded and makes extensive use of high technology and has access to data banks of millions of individual voters coded by "issue burdens" such as abortion, gay rights etc. Conference attendees received a 400 page handbook with an analysis of all 50 states, each state's particular political process, breakdowns of all senatorial and congressional candidates and selected state candidates.

The handbook outlines negative campaigning, gives a how-to on opponent research, gives sample codes for voter identification (i.e. "put PF in front of the names of workers who are pro-family"), outlines techniques for local precinct takeovers, provides chapter contracts with the Coalition and provides legal advice about in church in-pew voter registration. Videos are provided on how to take over a precinct caucus, voter identification, telephone trees with carefully sequenced questions (if voter gives an "incorrect" answer the call is ended immediately) designed to

identify pro-family or undecided voters who then receive mailings aimed at their "burden issues."

Evidence of the group's success was apparent at the Republican National Convention as speaker after speaker extolled, but never defined, "family values." In a relatively short period of time their influence was sufficiently significant that a major political party in the United States was made to pander to the christian rhetoric and ideology before the eyes of millions of television viewers. Even enemies of George and Barbara Bush could take cold comfort in the spectacle.

While watching in horror as the presidency was held hostage by the christian ayatollahs, the prophetic statement of presidential contender Jerry Brown came to mind. "America is in a pre-Weimar state," he said, referring to the social and economic forces which coalesced into the nightmare of Nazi Germany. Jodie Ripper, a delegate to the Iowa State Republican Convention was sickened as the state party platform became an extension of reconstructionist theology — calling for the outlawing of abortion, weakening of child abuse law and abusive/discriminatory treatment of gays and lesbians. The story was repeated over and over at other state conventions.

christian Coalition executive director, Ralph Reed, a baby-faced, third-generation, "Boy from Brazil," knows how to play hardball. In March he wrote a letter to Charles Black, a highly placed Bush political operative, and on behalf of Pat Robertson, provided him with a list of 50 religious rightists from which Black was to urge Gov. Pete Wilson to choose delegates to the national convention. Never mind that some cynics describe coalition leaders as bloodless types — more into manipulation, games, control and power than ideology OR religion, — clones who can cynically assess that the "homosexual" issue can be used to galvanize more people to political action than abortion — and then act on it.

Project Tocsin, a fundamentalist-watch group based in Sacramento reports receiving calls from all over the country as Republicans wonder what happened to their state and national parties. Hawaii, Texas, Kansas and Iowa all report involve-

ment of formerly "fringe" groups which seem to have found a home in the new christian movement. Posse Comitatus, White Aryan Resistance, John Birch Society, Ku Klux Klan, Moonies, Hare Krishna and neo-Nazis are all reportedly involved in saving America for "their" kind which creates a frightening mix that bodes no good for their targets — feminists and gays and lesbians in particular.

Tocsin is also getting reports of homophobic fundamentalist christian ministries recruiting motorcycle gangs and ex-convict groups with particular emphasis on their becoming "shock troops" and "soldiers for Christ." This information is particularly chilling when combined with the upsurge in gay/lesbian bashings which are taking place. "Whatever it takes," and "anything goes," to bring gays and lesbians to their senses and make them change — seems to be the operating principle.

The process of being saved is an exclusionary one. It makes "us" better than "them — better than the sinful world around us. According to Tocsin co-chair, Jerry Sloan, "The hate-filled rhetoric drummed into the faithful Sunday after Sunday has to have a profound effect. At last, they are told, you are superior to someone. Rejoice, that you have found God and can bring the godless to Him. In their zeal, they've forgotten about something vital — putting the 'Christ' into Christian.▼

Know Your Enemy

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The letter below was written by Louis P. Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition. Like so much of this kind of material it is riddled with cynical half-truths and hysterical buzz words designed to drive the gullible faithful to cough up more money to fuel the "hate" business.

There are three homosexual special rights bills in the State Legislature heading for Governor Wilson's desk.

- A. AB 2601
- B. AB3019
- C. AB 3825

The State Board of Education did NOT vote in Sheldon's favor about anything. They ARE holding a hearing during which they will take testimony regarding the Health Framework curriculum from a group backed by the fundamentalist-based Focus On The



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Family. Project 21 members will be in Sacramento on Thursday and Friday at the Board of Education meeting to continue their efforts to get the Board to vote for the Health Framework as it now stands — with information about gays and lesbians, AIDS education and other 20th century phenomena.

The advocacy of the homosexual agenda in mainstream America reached new heights when Joan Lunden and Mike Schneider of ABC's "Good Morning America" promoted and applauded a new homosexual character on the daily soap opera "Days of Our Lives." "Days of Our Lives" soap opera is using the new homosexual character to promote the homosexual lifestyle. Written into the script are parts which call anyone who opposes homosexuality a homophobe, a bigot, etc.

The buzz words here are "special rights," "surrogate battleground," and "eventual promotion of the homosexual agenda." Sheldon continues to prattle about this alleged "agenda," and has people frightened by the shadows and misconceptions in their own minds — an effective tool. All this nattering is simply about the quest for human rights and full citizen-

ship.

The right to have a safe space in which to live and one in which to work — as it is AB 2601 only addresses the right to work.

Just look at the lawsuit against the Boy Scouts of America, another nonprofit organization being sued for not allowing a homosexual to be a scout master.

AB 2601 protects small businesses AND religious organizations by exempting them from the law. It removes criminal penalties and fines which are currently allowed in the Labor Code. It sets up an administrative process which can be handled quickly and sometimes without lawyers. It is MORE equitable because it does NOT give gays and lesbians special protections.

Complainants can only sue for back pay and job reinstatement. All AB 2601 does is put already existing case law into the legal code. The gratuitous comments on the Boy Scout issue are so careless they speak for themselves.

AB 2601 is simply unfair to any other person who holds a political belief and who must act upon those beliefs in order to be protected.

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Improvement Needed?

Dear Editor:

What does homosexuality inherently have to do with men who's idea of love is to drape themselves in the skin of a bovine corpse, and display sets of handcuffs and latex gloves? Nothing. Mature romantic relationships are not built on fetish, or psychological games of physical and mental domination.

What does homosexuality inherently have to do with men who's idea of promoting political human liberty is to stick their faces into a bisquick box, apply lipstick as if they were blind and parade in dresses? Nothing. A mature personality is not built on personal aggrandizement or gender confusion.

Chico's recent Freedom Festival, while a success in many ways, was also a great failure in granting the public stage to the fringe elements listed above. Thanks must be given that the local news station didn't film a close up of the leather cage, the HIV table, and the drag booth all in a row. The only display missing from this horror show was NAMBLA.

Perhaps next year the producers of the Freedom Festival will cater to the real community of mature adults and reject their continued support of dangerous stereotypes.

Scorchy Ray Shelton

Baking Cookies?...

Dear Editor:

Behind every president of the U.S. stood a woman who had and still does, very powerful influence on their spouses. Franklin D. Roosevelt may have held office, but, I feel, Eleanor ran this country.

And you can't tell me Jacqueline Kennedy had little or no control over what John decided or did for the country.

Look back in the history books, Mr. Quayle, women have been running this country all along.

BJG

Moving to Canada

Dear Editor:

The 1996 Summer Olympics, to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, should be boycotted by gays and lesbians and all people who believe in human rights.

The International Olympic Committee convinced the courts to rule that gay athletes cannot

use the word "Olympics." People who race can still call their games the "Olympics." I feel that the I.O.C. and the courts have ruled that gays and lesbians are lower than rats.

The Reagan-Bush, Fundamental Christian and Catholic controlled U.S. Supreme Court upheld the rights of the Georgia State to invade the bedrooms of gays and lesbians and arrest innocent people for the "crime" of loving other people.

Bush and Quayle are using this same insane homophobia to win re-election, just like they used racism (Willie Horton) to win in 1988.

The Republican's homophobic "family values" issue was used by Hitler to murder thousands of gays, which eventually led to the attempted annihilation of a whole race of people. Hitler also used an outbreak of syphilis in some Jewish ghettos to persecute Jews, just like the Republicans are using AIDS to persecute not only gays and lesbians, but blacks and Hispanics.

If Bush and Quayle are re-elected in November, my life-partner and I (married 22 years) will seek political asylum in Canada. We won't wait, like the German gays 60 years ago, to be herded off in cattle cars to Auschwitz and Dachau!

John D. and Sonny C. Helm

Kind Words for Art Critic

The Following Letter was sent to MGW Reviewer John Mello.

Dear John

Thanks so much for your kind note following my show a few months ago at the Marsh. Sorry it's taken so long to respond - I've been out on the road for all this time, and just had a chance to get to my mail.

Welcome to the wonderful world of arts criticism! I'm backing off that area just now, so I can put more attention on some works I have in progress.

I'm glad you enjoyed *The Opposite Sex ... Is Neither!* I've had a lot of fun with the piece, and I'll be touring it through November of this year, at which time I'll put it to sleep. I'll certainly let you know if I ever come to Sacramento; your offer to do a feature story is very kind. However, I'm totally unfamiliar with your city - what theaters do you have there that might be interested in doing this kind of work?

As to feedback on your review of MY show, well-I-I-I-I, I feel kinda awkward about responding to critics' reviews of my work, OK?

Thanks again for your encouragement and your kind thoughts.

Sincerely,
Kate Bornstein

More Hate ...

Dear Editor:

The next leader of the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Movement may not, like Harvey Milk, accept the inevitability of his own assassination. He may be leading in the assassination of others.

If the violence against gays, the institutionalization of bigotry and the homophobia continue, the general population is going to experience a backlash of physical violence from gays and lesbians in this country and elsewhere that will be enormous.

Marshal Keuhnert

AIDS Law Day Offers Look at Issues

On October 23, the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association will host a one-day seminar on advanced legal issues related to HIV and AIDS. The seminar will be held at the Mart Plaza Holiday Inn in Chicago and will launch the third biennial Lavender Law conference.

AIDS Law Day features a faculty of more than 30 leading legal practitioners and educators in the field of AIDS law.

Registration information: 202/986-4750.▼

Needle Exchange Bill

The Senate approved Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr.'s bill to establish a three-year Clean Needle and Syringe Exchange Pilot Project.

The bill requires the State Department of Health Services to authorize a needle exchange pilot project in San Francisco.

Diving for Life

From October 3-10, eight lesbian and gay dive clubs from across the United States and Canada will come together in Roatan, Honduras for a precedent-setting diving jamboree. *Diving for Life* promises to be a week-long diving event with a difference. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Manhattan and Los Angeles Centers for Living, non-profit organizations that provide support services to the life-challenged communities on both coasts. Most of the Centers' clients are dealing with HIV/AIDS and cancer.

Diving for Life is being organized in New York City by Patrick Kelly of the Village Dive Club, 338 West 12 Street, NYC 10014, or call (212) 366-9079 or fax (212) 366-9078; and R. A. Buck of the Barnacle Busters, Marina Del Rey Divers, 2539 Lincoln Boulevard, Marina Del Rey, CA 90291, or call (800) 827-1131 or fax (310) 451-2111.

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One of the most often-cited reasons persons give for not voting is their sense of uselessness... they don't think their one vote makes a difference; they claim they have no impact on government, and vice versa; they believe special interests run everything so their vote doesn't count.

There are too many real-life examples where one vote has made the difference between winning and losing, between enacting a law or bond measure and rejecting it. In a city council race in Westmorland, Imperial County, in 1982, the mayor lost his bid for a second term in office by one vote. Conversely, in Crescent City, Del Norte County, in 1979, a mayor was elected by one vote. In Colusa, Fresno, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Merced, Madera, Los Angeles, Santa Clara, Nevada, and Santa Barbara counties, within the last decade alone, there have been examples where a school board or special district member won or lost by a single vote.

History proves this same value of a vote. In 1894, a Del Norte constable was seated by one vote, and in 1882 a supervisor won his seat in that county by the same simple margin. In 1948, President Truman carried Ohio and California by less than one vote per precinct and thereby won sufficient electoral votes to give him the presidency. And in 1960, one vote change in each precinct in Illinois would have defeated John Kennedy. Clearly one vote — your vote — can determine the margin of victory.

What groups of people are least likely to participate in election-day decisions? Political pollsters and demographers indicate the traditionally lowest participation rates

come from the 18-35 year olds, minorities, blue-collar workers, lesser educated, renters, unemployed, those with the lowest income levels, and until recently, women (women have about reached the same level of voting as have men).

How do we reach these people and encourage them to vote? After all, some of them fit categories that, out of necessity, on occasion, have to depend on government assistance for their well-being. Don't they want a say in what care is provided, whose needs are looked after, by government?

There's no ready-made solution to increasing voter turnout. Motivation is a highly personal factor which is largely beyond government's control. But we can take, and we have taken, steps to remove the procedural obstacles and inconvenient hurdles to registering and voting. In California, a citizen can register by mail and vote by mail. The aggressive registration outreach programs conducted by state and county government in conjunction with numerous private businesses and organizations have made registration as convenient as picking up a half-gallon of milk on your way home from work. Applications to vote by mail are part of the election materials the county elections offices send you. It couldn't be any easier, while still being within the limits necessary to insure against fraud.

So the next time you hear someone complain about government or say their vote doesn't count, remind them this country has given them a powerful voice to be expressed on election day!

Once you receive the absentee ballot, you can follow the instructions enclosed with your ballot, then mail it back to the county clerk/registrar (an envelope is provided). You must sign this outer envelope for your ballot to be counted, but it

is not in any way used to identify your ballot and how you voted - the ballot and envelope are separated as soon as your signature is verified as belonging to you by comparing it to your voter registration affidavit. You may also return your voted absentee ballot to your polling place in person on election day. Whichever way you deliver the ballot, it must get to the elections' official by 8 p.m. on election day.

You must vote either at your assigned polling place, at the county clerk's or registrar's office, or by absentee ballot. If you are disabled, you may also be eligible for permanent absentee voter status. Contact your county election official if you wish to apply for permanent absentee voter status. In addition, my office has a TDD (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf) toll-free number to register call 1-800-833-8633.

If you move four weeks or less before an election, you may return to your former polling place to vote, or vote absentee. You must be registered at least 29 days before the election in order to vote.

Poll workers cannot ask you to take any test before allowing you to vote, and you are entitled to take your sample ballot into the voting booth with you, even if you've written or marked on it.

If you work long hours on election day and cannot vote after work hours, you may vote absentee (if you apply in the normal way) or you can have up to two paid hours off to vote. To get time off to vote, the time must be at the beginning or end of your regular work shift and you must notify your employer that you will need the time off to vote at least two working days before the election.

Voting is as easy as registering to vote in California - both may be done by mail and completed in the privacy of your own home. Remember to vote on November 3.▼

Back To The Capitol!!

On October 11, 1991 thousands of people marched on the California State Capitol to protest Governor Wilson's veto of AB 101, the Lesbian and Gay civil rights bill.

For 1992 there are an even greater number of issues that affect the lesbian and gay communities. These include:

1. AB 2601, similar to AB 101.
2. AB 3825, the "Comprehensive Civil Rights Bill."
3. Drastic cuts in AIDS funding.

4. Challenges to women's reproductive freedom.
5. Traditional Family Values.

That's why organizing has started on a return to the capitol on Sunday, October 11, 1992. We are putting out a call to anyone interested in helping.

We are looking for organizational people, entertainers, and financial assistance. Those interested should Contact: Everett Denman, 415-431-7511.▼

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Adult Adoption as an Option

by Eileen Gillis, Esq.
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As a result of the states' denial of rights and benefits to same-sex partners, in the 1970's and early 1980's, lesbians and gay men pursued numerous court challenges and engaged in extensive litigative efforts to secure the constitutional and statutory right to marry. Each of these challenges has failed and it is now clear that same-sex couples will not find relief through court systems to gain the right to marry. For example, in every case testing the issue, marriages between persons of the same-sex were declared impermissible or invalid.

In further efforts to overcome the legal disability of not being able to marry, lesbians and gay men began to focus on using legal fic-

tions or legal tools to secure benefits equivalent to those awarded to married heterosexuals. The most effective, current options used by couples to secure financial, economic and psychological support will be reviewed in future articles. These include adult adoption, domestic partnership, palimony contracts, becoming a non-profit association, power of attorney, durable power of attorney, wills, trusts, Totten trusts and insurance policies. The next few articles will review these legal devices.

Adult Adoption

Same sex couples have and continue to legalize their families through adult adoption. Early use of this creative mechanism as a "quasi-marital" vehicle was hailed, temporarily, as the ideal cure to enable couples to define themselves legally as family, but current attitudes toward adoption have become less enthusiastic.

Adult adoption involves adoption of an adult by another adult. Lesbian and gay couples have used these adoptions for inheritance purposes, to gain recognition by society as the legal relatives of each other, to circumvent housing and zoning restrictions, get insurance and employment benefits and gain immigration status.

Adult adoptions are similar to adoptions of children, but function-

ally and conceptually serve different purposes for the lesbian and gay couple. For example, with adult adoption, the adoptive parent bears no legal duty of support. Adult adoption does give the adult a similar status as a natural child, but, at the same time does not diminish the legal obligations of independence of the parties.

But, in general, adult adoption is deemed by legal commentators as inappropriate for use by lesbian and gay couples to get legal familial status. The disadvantages of adult adoptions are their general irrevocability, and current questionable acceptance by the state, absent spe-

cial status indicating a parent-child relationship. In addition, for the same-sex couple, adult adoption is not a favored option because it cre-

ates a parent-child status between its participants and therefore does not provide the psychologically appropriate definition of their relationship. Finally, adoption of the adult severs the legal relationship with the natural parents, an undesirable result for many same-sex

... creates a parent-child status ...

ates a parent-child status between its participants and therefore does not provide the psychologically appropriate definition of their rela-

partners. In sum, adult adoption is of limited use to same-sex couples to secure rights and benefits similar to marriage.▼

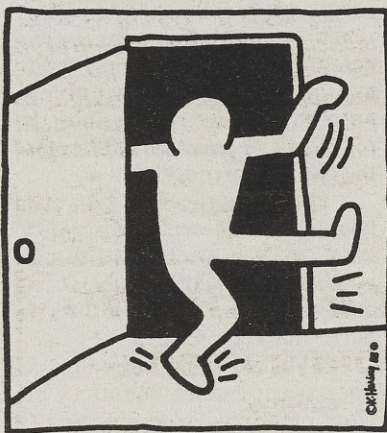
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AB 2601, Will He Or Won't He

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA — The gay and lesbian employment rights bill, AB 2601 is, along with hundreds of other bills, sitting on Governor Pete Wilson's desk awaiting his signature or his veto.

It could be just post-budget battle traumatic shock syndrome but there doesn't seem to be the excitement at the Capitol over the pending AB 2601 as was generated by AB 101. Last year rumors were flying, insider information was traded freely, delegations met for strategy sessions and those who saw the Governor or his staff were convinced he would sign the bill. A postcard and letter campaign was launched, as much to provide the Governor with "cover" against the religious right as to persuade him. High level officials of all types, including Governor Weld of Massachusetts wrote letters in support of the bill. Many people were simply stunned when AB 101 was vetoed.

This time there is an air of wariness about AB 2601. People are reluctant to comment or make predictions. However, there are two schools of thought.

The first group are certain the bill will be vetoed. They are reading the signals being sent out in the papers — they're evaluating Wilson's pullback on the abortion issue; the assertions that he's returning to his conservative roots. They feel there's no way he can get re-elected without some compromise with the religious right — and not only AB 2601 but AB 3019 and the omnibus civil rights bill, AB 3825 — will be vetoed as a part of his peace offering.

A second group of pundits remains optimistic. They cite Wilson's tough infighting and his ultimate victory over Willie Brown and the Assembly. They say that the Republican Party will have a hard time recovering from the Houston spectacle and that Wilson will have to position himself nationally as a moderate. Since Wilson and Weld have the highest name recognition and with a moderate stance they might be able to win the White House for the GOP in 1996. Therefore he will sign AB 2601 but will veto AB 3019 and 3825.

A spokesman from Wilson's office would not speculate on when Wilson would make his decision but noted that Wilson has 30 days to make his decision.▼

Complaint Filed Against No On K

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento — Everett Denman of San Francisco based D-2 The Deerfield - Denman Group, has filed a complaint with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) against San Franciscans for Common Sense Against Measure K.

The complaint, which was filed on Tuesday, Sept. 8, alleges that Thomas C. Scanlon and David Gilmore violated section 84211 — failure to report donors' occupation or employer. Denman included report sheets dated July to Dec. 1990; Oct. to Dec. 1990; and Jan. to June 1991.

Denman recalled the \$2,000 fine the FPPC recently levied against the Traditional Values Coalition for providing a last minute cashier's check to the SFCS - Against Measure K campaign which in turn reported it as coming from an anonymous donor. "These folks are just playing fast and loose with the law. In addition they're protecting donors the way they tried to protect the Traditional Values Coalition from disclosure," Denman said.

"People want to know where this money is coming from. Is it from the TVC? From TVC employees? Is it coming from churches, church employees or organizations coercing employees to donate to these homophobic campaigns? Those are the kinds of questions that are not being answered when these people deliberately withhold information on the reports," Denman said.

Gilmore was unavailable for comment and FPPC officials will not discuss cases under investigation.▼

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To be gay or lesbian in this country IS to be political. Whether we individually realize it or not. One of the major reasons for that politicization is the religion charged, hate-driven agenda to create a theocracy in this country which is being bruited about by people like Sheldon.

For example, pedophiles believe that their sexual preference is an "orientation." If a prospective employee of a daycare center espouses his belief in pedophilia during an interview and is turned down because of that statement, the daycare center will have violated the provision proposed in AB 2601.

Now he KNOWS this is not the case — pedophilia, bestiality and incest are ALL criminal activities — but this is the type of hysteria inducing material which will pry a few more bucks out of the poor, horrified and gullible faithful to help Lou keep the sex-crazed hordes away from the kiddies and household pets!

Just for the record, Lou, (and

I KNOW I shouldn't try to confuse you with the truth...) according to police statistics over 90 percent of the child molestation cases are attributed to HETEROSEXUAL males. Perhaps you should read the doctoral dissertation of the Rev. Dusty Prewitt - the subject: fundamentalism, religiosity, patriarchy and the relationship of those conditions to child molestation....

Something has to break. Liberals and secular humanists are essentially calling Bible believing Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Orthodox Jews evil people. Many homosexual activists are saying that the government must stop Christians from refusing to accept and tolerate the homosexual lifestyle. This is very scary.

What is scary is this man's MIND. The question is how WE can stop these so-called Christians from imposing their beliefs, their intolerance and their ignorance upon US!

Please help us so we can have two great victories ... The Health Framework and getting Gov. Wilson to VETO AB 2601.

A final thought: The above material was written by a man who has been invited to the White House and who is now an advisor to the Bush campaign.▼

Services Committee.

"People with life-threatening diseases can't wait for the bureaucracy to move," Katz commented. "It's cruel and unusual to make patients and their families wait needlessly for life-saving medicines."

AB 2556 further calls for the inclusion of other AIDS-related treatments on the Medi-Cal list, if sufficient proof of the drug's ability to treat AIDS is published in medical journals.

Three new treatments for AIDS-related conditions were approved last year, and several vaccine studies are currently in progress. But the California Department of Health Services, the agency that oversees incorporation of new treatments onto the Medi-Cal list, very narrowly defines the use of new drugs, preventing or delaying their use by patients.

"The years researchers spend developing new treatments is completely wasted unless patients can make use of them in time," Katz explained. "When you are sick, that time is now."

AB 2556 next goes to the Senate Appropriations Committee.▼

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Katz Bill Will Give AIDS Patients Access To New Drugs

Legislation by Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Sylmar) that would immediately place newly approved drugs for treatment of AIDS-related illnesses on the Medi-Cal list of contract drugs was approved July 1 by the Senate Health and Human

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The following committees and commissions have vacancies as listed below. Appointments are made by the Board of Supervisors. Applications are available at all public libraries and at the Board of Supervisors office at 700 H St, Suite 2450, 95814.

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| County Sanitation District Sewer Rate Advisory Board | Open filing | | 2 residents of area |
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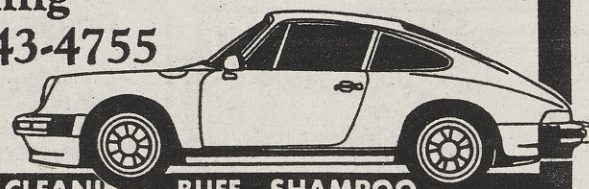
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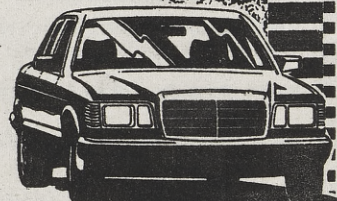


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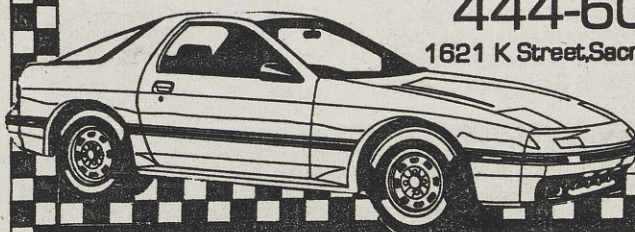
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HIV newsline

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV EDITOR

AT LAST, AT LAST...

As part of their current effort to "redefine" AIDS, the Centers for Disease Control announced last week they will consider including illnesses that women get. Many women with AIDS have died of aggressive cervical cancer, pelvic inflammatory disease, and yeast infections — and have often been excluded from health and social benefits requiring an official CDC AIDS diagnosis. They have never been counted as people with AIDS (CDC says 150,000 people with one of their 23 official illnesses have "died of AIDS" since reporting first started a decade ago; in reality, of course, many many more than this have perished). Having female-related illnesses on a list of HIV-related illnesses would alert physicians examining women with these disorders to give them an HIV test. Many women have been far into the AIDS spectrum before they were ever tested, long after they could have been receiving treatments and preventative medications. CDC says it doesn't want to add cervical cancer, pulmonary tuberculosis, and bacterial pneumonia to the definition, which now includes 23 diseases, because these also occur in people without HIV disease.

CANADA LEADS AGAIN...

Survivor benefits from now on will be extended to partners of gay and lesbian government employees, according to a decision recently rendered in Toronto by a board of inquiry appointed under the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The decision was immediately heralded by gay rights activists.

CONDOMS IN SCHOOLS...

Sixty-eight percent of Americans recently polled say they'd like to see condoms distributed to public schools students. While 43 percent favor unrestricted distribution, 25 percent say schools should require parents' consent. Currently about 40 schools across the entire nation have condoms available to students who visit clinics that are located in, or associated with, the schools.

AZT FOR HURRICANE AREA...

AZT, the leading treatment for AIDS, is among the medications that Burroughs Wellcome is donating to relief efforts in Florida in the wake of Hurricane Andrews.

CHILD MOLESTER TESTS POSITIVE...

Edward Savitz, 50, awaiting trial on charges of soliciting sexual favors from hundreds of ten-age boys in Philadelphia, announced he has AIDS and has a life expectancy of six months to two years.

ANIMAL MEMBRANE CONDOM WARNING...

An Assembly Bill introduced by Jackie Speier of San Francisco would require stores selling condoms to post a warning sign saying that latex (rubber) condoms provide greater protection against certain sexually transmitted diseases than non-latex (natural, animal-membrane) condoms. The bill is awaiting signature by the Governor. (HIV cannot pass through intact rubber, but is able to leak through natural-skin condoms.)

STATE PLAYS HIT OR MISS WITH AIDS FUNDS...

The AIDS crisis in Sacramento was recognized during the recent budget hearings by county supervisors who granted the Sacramento AIDS Foundation most of the monies they need to stay in the business of providing services to nearly 800 clients with HIV disease. Problems with Medi-Cal payments persist, however, despite the fact that the state was ordered in mid-August to pay the salaries of home health care attendants. Unfortunately, the state interpreted the order to mean that skilled care and attendant care nurses contracted by a third party and paid through the Medi-Cal waiver program are exempt from the ruling to be paid by the state. SAF is now bearing the cost of paying these nurses, who care for about 65 end-stage clients. The state owes the AIDS Foundation more than \$68,000 for the months of July/August, and about \$75,000 so far this month. Let's hope these reimbursements are made swiftly, before the Foundation has to dip into other critically needed funds to maintain home care for these critically ill clients.

The Health Services Department also may authorize other counties, cities with a public health department to develop a pilot project upon request.

AB 2525 does not allow an exchange program to provide a clean needle unless a needle is returned. The bill requires each exchange program to provide counseling, testing and treatment for addicts.

Benefit Auction

On Saturday, September 19, 10 p.m., at the Wreck Room (2513 Broadway) the Lambda Community Center will be holding a benefit auction/raffle. The funds raised will be used to support the continued publication of Positive Social Sup-

port Newsdigest (PSSN). PSSN is the cornerstone of the Lambda Community Center's AIDS Response Programs. The 16-page, bimonthly publication is for people who are HIV-positive and those who socially support them. Each issue is filled with treatment news, nutritional info, early intervention information, homeopathic and alternative approaches, articles from a personal perspective, news briefs and book reviews. In addition, PSSN contains a valuable two-page, centerfold, pull-out that lists HIV Resources in Sacramento and the surrounding area.

The Grand Prize for the raffle will be a weekend getaway for two to San Francisco at a major hotel — a \$300 value. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the Lambda Community Center or at the benefit.

Entertainment will be provided by a live band, Barbara's Bush.

A \$5 donation will be requested at the door.

If you have any items you wish to donate for the auction, call Michael DeHart at 442-0185.

Nation's First AIDS Pac Forms

Mobilization Against AIDS, California's oldest and largest AIDS lobbying organization, has formed the nation's first AIDS political action committee (PAC) to contribute money to candidates for federal office who support strong policies in AIDS education, treatment and research.

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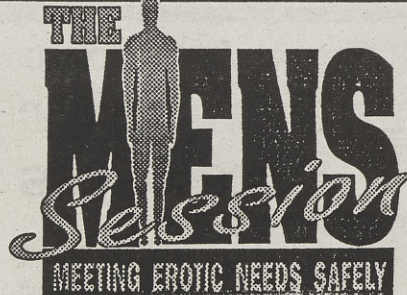
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Robert Bird

Robert Bird, life partner of Robert Beesley, died at the age of 31 at Mercy Hospital August 20 of complications due to AIDS. Robert fought the disease for many years with an inspiring cheerfulness. He served as guest panelist at training workshops for Hand to Hand volunteers, participated with the leather community in fundraisers, and was instrumental in getting the first Sacramento Quilt panels sewn together for displays. He prepared the Hope House Quilt in remembrance of nearly a dozen residents who passed away from AIDS, as well as a Quilt panel for his former partner, Jose Herrera, who died in April 1989. Besides his loving companion, Robert Beesley, whom he married last year in a lavish ceremony, he leaves behind his beloved "granny," Muriel Bird; his parents, Chester and Barbara Moreland; a sister Camille; and two brothers, Charles and Gene Moreland. Robert's constant desire to help others and keep alive the memory of those who've died from AIDS will not be forgotten. "As long as I am remembered, I live." We'll long remember you, Robert.



Dale Morgan Lafferty

At home in Elk Grove August 21, at age 36, surrounded by his family and many friends. Dale grew up in Lemoore, CA where he graduated with honors from Lemoore H.S. in 1974. He graduated nursing from Fresno State in 1979, and after briefly working at Fresno Hospital; moved to Sacramento and settled in Elk Grove in 1980. Dale worked for Mercy General Hospital for 12 years and was the administrative nurse for surgical intensive care.

Dale was a truly compassionate and dedicated nurse who always had a clear vision of what was in the best interests of his patients. He was always willing to stand firm on his convictions. Dale had a beautiful garden and Koi pond, which was his joy and his medita-

tion, and was an exquisite example of his keen aesthetic sense and perfectionism. He was ever the teacher, and to the end he shared his knowledge and understanding with all who knew him. Dale was aware of being HIV+ for 10 years, and finally succumbed to the ravages of the disease.

Dale will be sorely missed by his parents Arlene and John, his older brothers David and Danny, and Grandmother Harriet Feeley; his lifelong best friend Cathy Frazier; his nurturing housemates Vera, Tracy, and Teri and neighbor Nina, as well as many other dear friends; and lastly his dogs Bud and Gina. A memorial service, to be held in his garden, will be announced in the future. Donations in his honor would be appreciated by the CARES Clinic.

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ILGA Conference Decides Name and Demands of 1994 International March

Stonewall 25 released the text of the political demands of the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People. The March will be held on June 26, 1994, in New York City. The name and demands were decided by the 14th Annual Conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), meeting in Paris, France, July 12-18. The over 250 conference participants, from over 30 countries, unanimously endorsed the March. "For this event to be truly international in scope and for it to gather significant international support and participation, it is essential that the basic political decisions be made on an international basis," said Gro Linstad, of Norway, who chaired the session. "This process seems to be well underway," she added. The demands of the march include a call upon the United Nations and its Member

States to take all necessary action to assure that the promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights not be denied to lesbian, gay and bisexual people, nor to people who have AIDS or are HIV positive. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the UN in 1948, proclaims that all human beings are entitled to basic human rights.

An International Advisory Committee including representatives of organizations from countries on every continent will meet at the 1993 ILGA Conference in Barcelona, Spain, to plan the program of the International Rally on June 26, 1994, in New York City.

The March and Rally will take place on the last Sunday in June, the day the Stonewall Rebellion is traditionally celebrated in New York City and in many other places. The Stonewall Rebellion of 1969, which began with an uprising against a

police raid on a New York gay bar, the Stonewall Inn, sparked the contemporary lesbian/gay movement. Pride groups across the U.S. and in other countries are shifting the dates of their events to avoid conflicting with the International March and Rally. ▼

Square Dancers' World

Capital City Squares, the oldest lesbian and gay square dance club on the West Coast, is seeking new members for its upcoming season.

Capital City Squares is a charter member of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs and an active participant in the Association's annual conventions. Next year's convention, the 10th, returns to Seattle, site of the first gathering. Future conventions are set for Washington, DC, Chi-

cago, and San Francisco. Locally, the Club offers monthly dances, potlucks, and an annual three day retreat, in addition to weekly instruction, all amidst a warm, friendly and supportive atmosphere.

Membership in Capital City Squares is open to any adult interested in square dancing. The Club encourages anyone who has ever thought about this sport to join them at an Introductory Dance on September 26th at the Central United Methodist Church, 53rd & H Streets, or weekly, starting October 6th, at the Jefferson Elementary School, 2001 Pebblewood Drive (in South Natomas).

For information: George Fox, 929-8697. ▼

March on the U.N. Set

Activists representing lesbian, gay, bisexual, and AIDS-related organizations throughout the U.S. will meet during January 15-17 in Dallas, Texas, to help build the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People. The International March and Rally will be the largest of several hundred events planned for June and July, 1994, in New York City and around the world to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion. Organizations planning events are being encouraged to provide information to conference participants. This information will also be added to the Global Media Calendar, a comprehensive listing of events related to Stonewall 25. ▼

Mapplethorpe Lecture at UCLA

Considered one of the most controversial and disturbingly erotic artists of our time, Robert Mapplethorpe is to be the subject of a UCLA Extension one-day program on Saturday, October 17. "Robert Mapplethorpe: Probing the Controversial" is a program that will include more than 200 slides and will explore Mapplethorpe's impact on the art world and government of the arts.

The slide lecture will be a diverse paradox of Mapplethorpe images, from portraits and flowers to sexually explicit and taboo-breaking photographs. The lecture will be conducted by instructor Robin Ptacek. Ptacek holds a Ph.D. from U.C. Santa Barbara in art history with an emphasis on contemporary photography.

For further details, call the UCLA Extension Department of the Arts, (310) 206-1423.

Ontario Gov't Extends Benefits To Gay Partners

An independent board of inquiry appointed under the Ontario Human Rights Code has ordered the Ontario government to extend survivor benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian employees. The decision is considered a victorious milestone by rights gay activists.

--Sacramento Bee

INTERNATIONAL MARCH ON THE UNITED NATIONS TO AFFIRM THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF LESBIAN AND GAY PEOPLE

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We call upon the United Nations, its agencies, its member states and its affiliated non-governmental organizations to take all necessary action to assure that:

1. The promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights not be denied to lesbian, gay and bisexual people;
2. The rights and freedoms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights be fulfilled to all people, including lesbian, gay and bisexual people, without distinction of any kind, such as race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, language, age, disability, socio-economic status and national or social origin;
3. The agencies of the UN and non-governmental organizations affiliated with the UN undertake to report on violations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affecting lesbian, gay and bisexual people;
4. The promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights not be denied to people who have AIDS or are HIV positive;
5. The promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to health care not be denied to people with HIV/AIDS, nor to lesbian, gay and bisexual people, including those who desire to engage in reproduction;
6. The global effort to combat HIV/AIDS be intensified;
7. The member states of the UN adopt a protocol to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide to define as a crime of genocide the intended destruction of any of the targets of the Holocaust, including lesbian, gay and bisexual people, and the intentional destruction of any population group based on that group's race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, language, age, disability, socio-economic status and national or social origin;
8. The agencies of the UN not deny non-governmental organizations recognition or consultative status on the basis of their support for lesbian, gay and bisexual people, or people who have AIDS or are HIV positive;
9. The General Assembly of the UN proclaim an International Year of Lesbian and Gay People (possibly 1999);
10. The UN and its agencies not discriminate against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in matters of contracting, hiring, employment conditions and termination;
11. The member states increase the funding of the human rights agencies of the UN to accelerate the progress toward realizing the promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
12. The right of lesbian, gay, and bisexual people to create families be recognized and protected, and that our family relationships with each other and our children be celebrated in 1994, The International Year of the Family.

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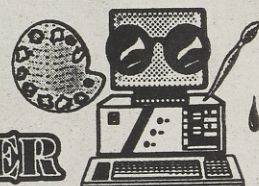
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Springfield, OR

On May 19, the voters of Springfield, Oregon passed an ordinance mandating homophobic discrimination. The initiative, which passed by 53% of the vote, will prohibit the city from making any law or ordinance "that recognizes any categorical provision that includes sexual orientation," and will prohibit the use of city funds or property to "promote or encourage" homosexuality. Non-discrimination ordinances will be prohibited. Gay and lesbian parades and festivals will be banned from city property. Any group, gay or straight, which has a policy of non-discrimination may be denied city services. Public libraries will be required to remove materials that treat homosexuality in an objective or truthful way.

According to press reports, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce has received calls and letters from around the state and country from individuals supporting the ordinance and promising to bring their business to Springfield because of its pro-prejudice stand. Please let the Chamber hear from you. Tell them you will avoid doing business in Springfield until the ordinance is rescinded, and that you will encourage your family and friends to do the same.

Write to Springfield Chamber of Commerce, 101 South A Street, Springfield OR 97477, tel. 503-746-1651.

This fall Oregonians will vote on a statewide initiative which would amend the state constitution to the same effect as the Springfield ordinance. In addition, the amendment would mandate the teaching of homophobia in Oregon's public

schools. If passed, there will be no possible legal challenge to the law, which would only be changeable by another statewide referendum. You can and should speak to the citizens of Oregon by writing to the state's largest newspaper. Write to *The Oregonian*, 1320 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon 97205.

Maury Povich

A month after his show extolling homophobe Anita Bryant, talk show host Maury Povich was back with a show on lesbians which actually wasn't as bad as Povich tried to make it. The subject of the show was "lipstick lesbians," described as "a new breed of lesbians," and "lesbians who wear Victoria's Secret instead of L.L. Bean." Guests on the show were Robin & Sandy, two lesbians of the "lipstick" category, and Donna Minkowitz, a lesbian for the *Village Voice* who prefers "butch" dress. The show may have forced some viewers to rethink their stereotypes, but Povich repeatedly tried to elicit a judgment where there apparently was none.

Povich introduced a fourth guest, Tommy Heaton, as "a man who...says Robin & Sandy are gay because they haven't found the right guy." Tommy quickly put Maury straight by saying "I don't think you can ever take away what somebody is—if they're a lesbian then they're a lesbian...you're not going to change them."

After Robin and Sandy expressed their commitment to each other, Povich pointed to four young men in the audience, lewdly declaring, without even speaking to the men, "you can't change their minds...hot blood has no conscience, right guys?"

The audience, when allowed to speak, generally made supportive remarks. One audience member declared "Looking at the panel—it's like looking at God's garden. You have different flowers, different colors, different sizes."

Sandy's father stood up to express his unconditional support for his daughter, while someone else simply asked, referring to sexual orientation, "why do we care so much?" Povich responded with apparent incredulity to all this support.

It must in fairness be pointed out that Povich seemed to be trying to elicit misconceptions so he could challenge them, and he did chastise two audience members who made vulgar comments about the way Ms. Minkowitz was dressed.

Povich seems increasingly interested in doing sensational shows on lesbian and gay issues, and needs feedback from you. Write to Maury Povich, 221 West 26th Street, New York, NY 10001.

Roswell, NM

The Roswell, New Mexico Public Library is embroiled in a controversy over a children's book about a gay father. The book, *Daddy's Roommate* by Michael Willhoite depicts, from a boy's perspective, his father's divorce and subsequent relationship with a man, and is available in the library's children's section. Angry residents, led by a local minister are demanding the book's removal. The library's board of directors has yet to make a decision on the issue.

Write to Robert Belles, President, Roswell Public Library, Roswell, NM 88201.

people...

Why Do Great Women Have To Be Saints?

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

SACRAMENTO — Women superstars of the past usually are stripped of their sexuality by historians, seen as saints who rival the driven snow. Yet a close look at their private lives usually turns up a much more lively picture.

Take Eleanor Roosevelt, first lesbian First Lady. A new biography by Blanche Wiesen Cook details not only her long-lasting affair with Lorena Hickok but also an affair with Earl Miller, the much younger man who was her bodyguard.

And one of the central questions Cook answers is why we need to crush the sexuality of important women and turn them into mothers or martyrs rather than the courageous figures they were.

"We have this great need to see Eleanor Roosevelt as the Virgin Mother," said Cook, who likens ER to a mother figure. "Maybe it's the sin of Ham — that we are not supposed to look on our mother naked."

But that doesn't change the facts of ER's life.

"ER was a profoundly passionate woman," said Cook. "It's what fueled her life."

In order to fully understand the importance of figures like Eleanor Roosevelt, it is essential to see them as they really were, argues Cook, instead of cardboard cut-outs who can't be role models because they're sexless and inhuman.

And Roosevelt was important. Not only did she fight for women's rights but she also fought for health care and housing during a time to ours when the poor were lucky to have either. Although it may seem astonishing today, even the fight to get indoor plumbing into low-income housing was seen as controversial. Opponents argued that you wouldn't be able to tell the rich from the poor if everyone had running water and an indoor toilet.

"Eleanor Roosevelt was a woman with tremendous vision, who struggled to achieve these things for all people," said Cook, a professor at John Jay College and City University of New York. "Her vision could actually take us into the 21st century with dignity."

A historian who spent 10 years researching ER and still has 1,000 pages of the second volume to go, Cook feels that evidence, particularly love letters, was deliberately destroyed.

"Someone wanted those letters disappeared," said Cook of ER's correspondence to lovers such as Hickok. To protect ER's place in history, Hickok herself destroyed all of the letters from their first year together. Enough remain from the later years to give a vivid picture of her affair with ER.

"Hickok typed out and preserved what she felt was historically important so we can chart their friendship day by day. We can tell when they were together and we can fill in gaps with photos."

Even so, historians tried to downplay the importance of the relationship until Cook, that is, perhaps a more objective observer because she spent the past 20 years with a woman.

"In the case of Lorena Hickok, thousands of letters have been dismissed as a school girl crush," said

Cook. "But I take these letters seriously. ER and Lorena Hickok had a passionate, intense, lesbian relationship."

For Cook, it's not just a matter of hiding ER's private life. It's also, she says, an attempt to keep women from understanding the synergistic force of sexual freedom and political power.

"What has been kept from us is the whole issue of sex and power," said Cook. "We are pressured to believe that women have no function except that which belongs to the state — and that is the breeding function."

This narrowing, said Cook, serves to keep modern women from understanding that sex and ambition linked together can be much more powerful than either one alone.

Cook not only rails against this squeezing of historic women into little boxes but says that the current emphasis on "family values" is nothing other than Nazism in a new guise.

"That was the Nazi message, that women had no function other than breeding," said Cook, who also said she spent her "vital youth on one dead general" while writing *The Declassified Eisenhower*. "I don't think people realize how close we are to real fascism."

The case of Eleanor Roosevelt is particularly poignant. Not only was she "discreet" about her private life, as most people — and the press — were in those days, but she also hid her ambition. Knitting in public like a good wife and mother was one of the ruses she used to keep people from realizing how powerful — and ambitious — she really was.

Again and again, Cook points out how our view of ER is a form of "social control" that helps keep women today in their place.

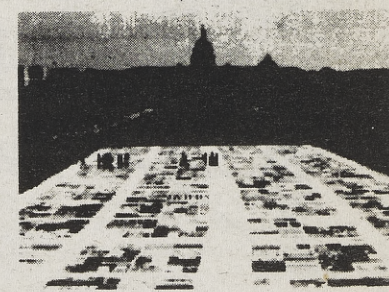
"We have even been told that she birthed six children because she knew nothing about the 'facts' of life," writes Cook in the nearly 600 page first volume. "But then we learn that she was a lifelong member of the Birth Control League."

With all our supposed sexual freedom, Cook said she doesn't understand exactly why people are still so reticent about sex.

"I'm not really sure where our generation's squeamishness about erotic love and passion comes from," said Cook.

Whatever the cause, this new book will help change the way we view women superstars and by adding another layer to their humanity, hopefully add to their greatness. ▼

Dell Richards is a syndicated journalist whose book, *Lesbian Lists*, is available nationwide.



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by John Batchelor
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This November is MGW Newspaper's 15th Anniversary! Watch for a whole new graphic look, and a special Anniversary issue November 1 with past, present, and future histories, and Happy Birthday ads from our readers. Call us to be part of it! ▼ Happy September Birthdays to Ty Ewing, Mark Tullai, Michael Braswell, fabulous florist and creator of award winning Rose Parade floats Gerry Gregg, John Feliz, gallery owner Michael Himovitz who recently made the cover of the Sacramento Bee Neighbors section, Patrick Gaffney, Mayor Elect Joe Serna, Eugenio Neto, Anna Harrison, Anne Bersinger, Frank Lawler, Alberta Lane, Rosy Watson and MGW writer Marghe Covino. ▼ There was a huge photo of Marty Keller on the front page of the Sacramento Bee's Sunday section. The accompanying article informs us that he is "Republican and gay" and founding president of Log Cabin California. And while Mr. Flash has one thing in common with Mr. Keller, it is great to let the world know that we come in all shapes, sizes and political affiliations! ▼ It's impossible for me to mention all the folks involved in the River City Democratic Club's (RCDC) "22" project. However a few jumping in head first are Charlie Preston working for Patti Garamendi, Kevin Rebelo for Vic Fazio, Ann Constantine for Joan Barry, and Cindy Huber for Pat Malberg. Keep in mind the November elections are not far away ▼ Mr. Flash has heard about enthusiastic political activists but guess what two Barbara Boxer campaign workers modeled at the recent Rainbow Festival? Black boxer shorts and tees with the yellow 'BOXER' logo strewn across them. They were quite the statement and sooooo cute ▼ In celebration of National Coming Out Day Allen Cole reports that student groups at CSU Sacramento will present the first annual Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento (GLAS) and Delta Lambda Phi are on target with this event. They are pioneers in the true sense of the word. Year one is always the toughest. Mark October 8 and head over to the Crest Theatre for a memorable evening. This is a benefit for the Lambda Community Fund and the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES). Tickets are available at the Lambda Center and CARES ▼ Listen to a capella music like you have never heard before. The Flirtations will be at the Palms Playhouse in Davis on September 23. Our own SMC splinter group Entourage will open the concert. Come for the Flirtations BandB to take part in history as Entourage gets a shot at fame and fortune ▼ The Sacramento Men's Chorus (SMC) mixer attracted some new members and even some women from the Chambers choral group. I believe the women were performing not joining! The Lawler back forty (feet not acres) was teeming with activity. The new youngest member is 21-year-old Bill Bernard. Bill hopes to one day become a veterinarian (just kidding). And Greg Rasmussen broke one of the cardinal rules at the mixer, he could not resist bringing a wine box. In any case we all look forward to the 4th

annual Hellfire Masquerade "Back from the Crypt" party on Halloween night ▼ A fundraiser for the Chemical Dependency Center for Women will be held by the Celebration Theatre Company. Long Time Since Yesterday takes place at the 24th Street Theatre on September 19. Call Thelma at 448-2951 about this drama in two acts ▼ And if the previous event is too high brow for you, you might consider Toilet Bowl Ball VI at Joseph's Ballroom (JTC) also on September 19. Witness the 6th annual Plunger Award and the debut performance of Carlotta Post, Queen of Etiquette. All proceeds to PAARC and SAF ▼ The Lambda Players are growing. The season is underway at a new location. Check out Spare Parts about a lesbian couple considering parenthood. The fun takes place from October 2-24 at the downtown YWCA theatre ▼ The annual Rainbow Festival street fair in midtown lavender heights is the final summer splash we all wait for eagerly. This year's fair came off without any apparent hitches. The crowd was fun and hot hot hot. The temperatures were also very summer-like. Congrats to everyone who made it happen ▼ It has been reported that the annual Summer Ball raised \$17,500. It is also a pleasure to remind readers that 100 percent of all monies collected goes to charity. Don't miss next year's event ▼ Tim Larrabee is hard at work with the RCDC memorial tree grove. There will be a second phase of the tree planting on November 15. Assistance is

needed with hay bales, trees, etc. There is also a memorial plaque in the works commemorating those who have died of AIDS in Sacramento. It will be mounted and displayed somewhere downtown. Why not consider planting a tree or making a quilt panel to acknowledge one of our own ▼ Until October, ease into Autumn with the grace and dignity that all people deserve...John▼

Comedy Shorts Planned for Network Q

Los Angeles based filmmaker John Topping's work was considered so bizarre that Network Q President David Surber immediately wanted to work with him. Topping, who's range of talent includes acting, writing, film and video production will have a regularly featured segment on Network Q called "The Dreaded Experiment Comedies by John Topping." Look for "The Dreaded Experimental Comedies by John Topping" in the premier issue of Network Q to be released in early September. Along with Topping's segment will be ongoing documentary segments, interviews with prominent gay and lesbian leaders, Queer Holiday (a guide to resort and entertainment opportunities), and Cinema Homosexual (short subjects and experimental films by gay and lesbian artists). To become a charter member of Network Q, call the toll-free customer service line: 1-800-368-0638.

"Mr. Wreck Room" Kicks Off Leather Fest 1992

The Sacramento Leather Association will host "Sacramento Leather Fest 1992" during the weekend of October 9th through 11th. The kick off event will be the "Mr Wreck Room" competition on October 9th held at the Wreck Room, 2513 Broadway. On Saturday, October 10th, Joseph's Town and Country will be the host site for a Leather arts and crafts fair from 1 to 4 pm, followed by a beer bust. Joseph's is located at 2062 Auburn Boulevard. Returning to the Wreck Room on Sunday, October 11th to close out the Leather Fest will be a Full Moon Contest starting around 10pm. For information: Wes Patterson, C/O The Sacramento Leather Association, Box 5789, 95817.▼

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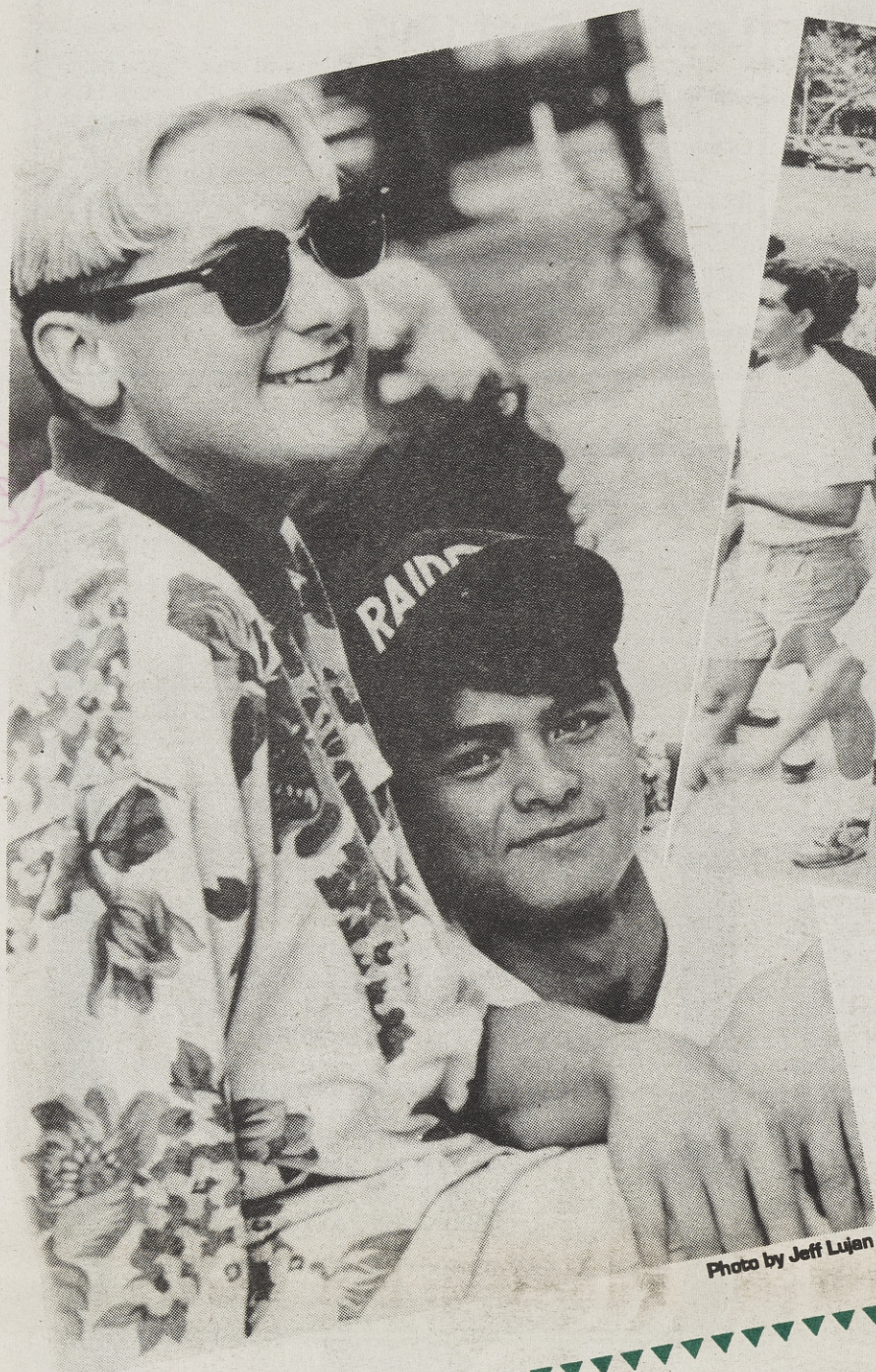


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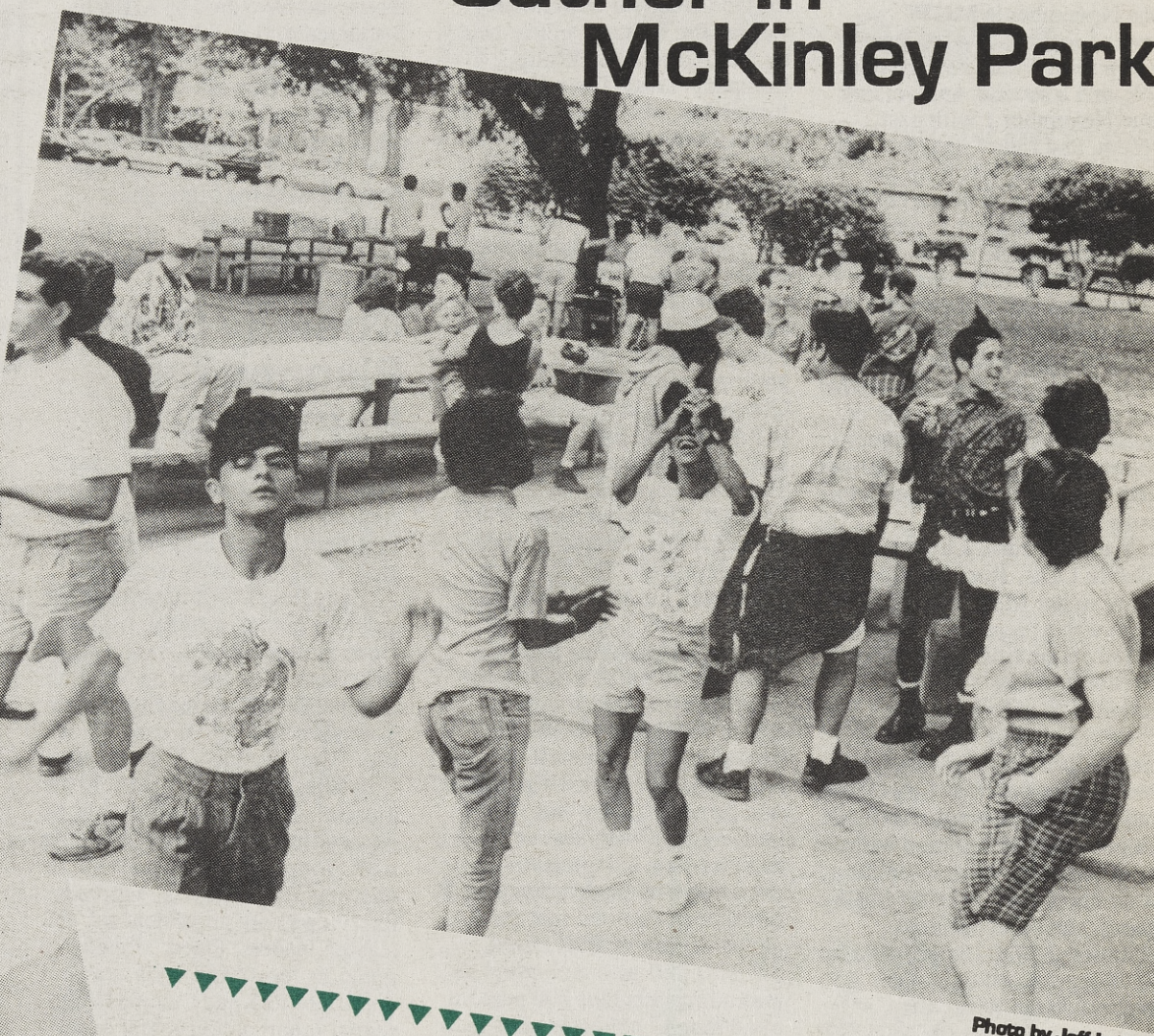


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Marghe Covino, MGW Reporter & Lambda Center President got locked up by Terry Sidie of Faces.

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Rob Thorbin, and unidentified man, talk to Terry Sidie in front of Faces.

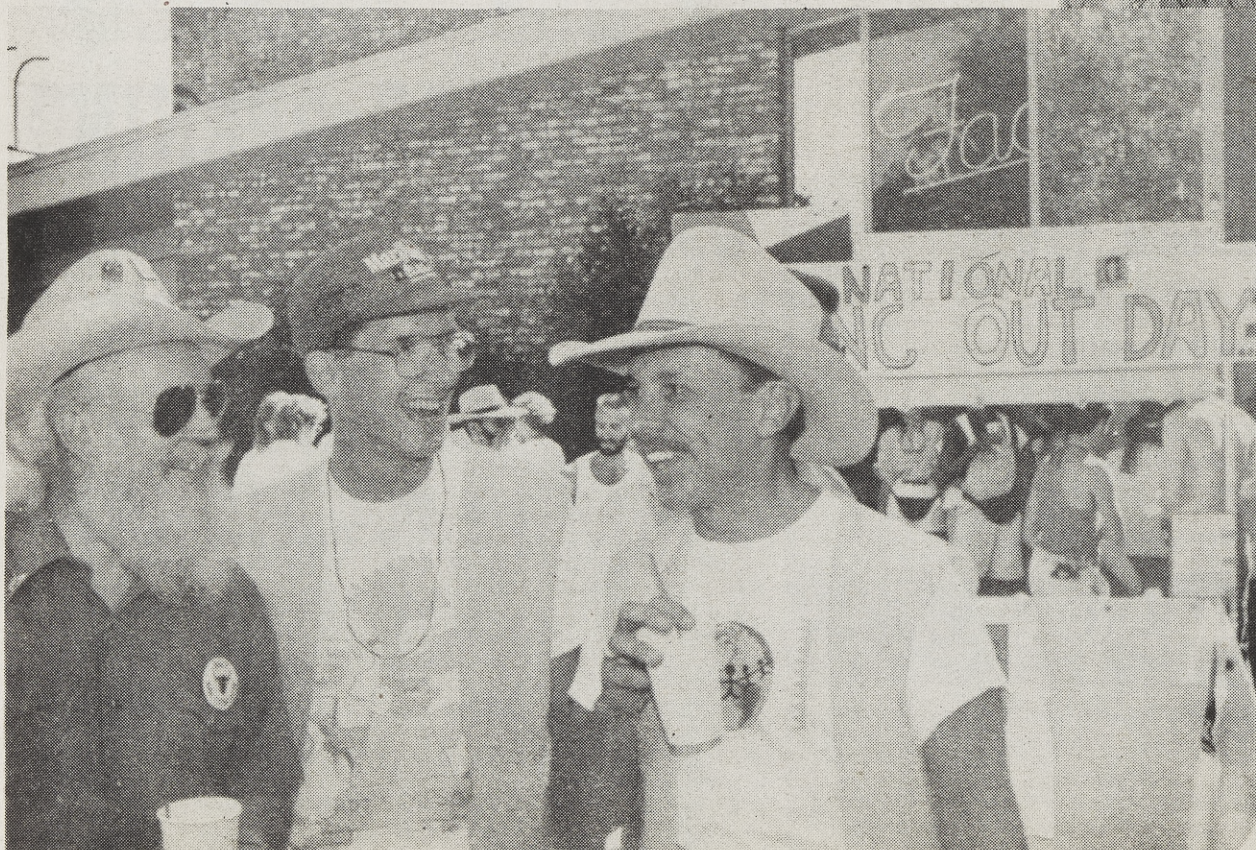


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Fairgoers at Rainbow Festival.

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Partial crowd at Lambda Rainbow Festival.

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Commentary:

Who Needs The Republican Party? We Do

By David Welton
OF MGW STAFF

Good news. At least part of the election year hyperbole has past-the conventions are over. As the dust settles one thing becomes clear: for gay and lesbian Americans to achieve equality we need strong voices in *both* political parties. Currently, only the Democratic party has any sincere interest in gay and lesbian voters. That has to change.

Organizations like the Log Cabin Club, a lesbian and gay Republican group, must continue to grow and fight for inclusion of our issues in the Republican platform. The club, with 4,500 members and chapters in 14 states, held their national conference in Houston a few days before the 1992 Republican National Convention. They had some tough decisions to make.

In a preconvention *Advocate* interview, Marty Keller of Sacramento's Log Cabin Club said, "I just can't see us endorsing the President." He continues, "in fact, most of our members will probably individually support Bill Clinton. George Bush has no morals."

Vice presidential buffoon Dan Quayle says of boss Bush, "[He] is willing to stand up for basic values rather than treating all 'lifestyle choices' as morally equivalent." When pressed to define lifestyle choices, a Quayle aid said it referred to sexual orientation.

Early on, in convention week "family values" babble, Bush spoke of his desire to make American families a lot more like the Waltons and less like the Simpsons. Does the President know that Will Geer, also known as Grandpa Walton, and Harry Hay were lovers? Hay was founder of the Mattachine Society and is widely considered the father of the modern gay rights movement. Now there's a role model.

When asked what he'd do if his grandson was gay Bush replied, "I'd love that child. I'd put my arm around him, and I would hope he

wouldn't go out and try to convince people that this was the normal lifestyle."

Senator Don Nickles' (R-Oklahoma) speech is but one example of Republicans using the term "family values" as code for anything that stifles gay rights.

As the cheering delegates waved signs proclaiming "Family Rights Forever, 'Gay' Rights Never!" he said, "The Democrats say that they are for family values, but their platform sings a different tune. Their platform would put couples of the same sex on equal footing with husbands and wives who want to adopt children. They call that family values, we call it wrong!" Bush spokesperson Tony Mitchell said bluntly, "I don't anticipate that the (Presidents) campaign is ever going to identify and pursue the gay vote." Really.

Democrats on the other hand, are courting the gay and lesbian vote with unprecedented vigor. Even Republican ex-presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan agrees that "Bill Clinton and Al Gore represent the most pro-lesbian and pro-gay ticket in history," of course Buchanan hopes to use the issue as a wedge dividing Democratic voters.

The 1992 Democratic convention was the most queer-positive ever. Among the 13 speakers that affirmed our issues were lesbian San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, gay Clinton staffer and person with AIDS Bob Hattoy, and most importantly, Clinton himself.

Achtenberg sat on the 15-member platform-drafting committee. She's a close Clinton adviser - that means there's a good chance she'll be asked to join his administration. Isn't it about time for a lesbian cabinet member?

The Democratic platform calls for passage of federal gay rights legislation and to end military discrimination. Clinton has vowed to issue an executive order banning gay bias in the federal government, end military discrimination, and appoint a high-level policy maker

to lead the fight against AIDS.

The Republican platform specifically opposes same sex marriages, opposes gay parental adoption, opposes overturning the military ban and opposes condoms distribution programs.

Granted, Governor Clinton's record on AIDS and gay rights in Arkansas isn't perfect. But, by comparison Clinton's convention pledges sound a lot better than four years ago. In 1988 Presidential nominee Michael Dukakis refused to endorse gay rights platform planks, and only Jesse Jackson dared mutter the words 'gay and lesbian' at that convention.

This year over 100 high visibility lesbian and gay delegates attended the Democratic convention-waiving gay rights signs toward a national television audience. Two gay men attended the Republican convention, and they weren't even full-fledged delegates, only alternates. Sacramento's Keller was one of them, he says of the convention, "Thy don't want us there, and that is precisely why we must be there."

An ABC News poll found that 20-percent of California's primary voters were gay or lesbian - amazing evidence of our political clout. That should sound a loud wake up call to Republican Party leaders, we need each other.▼

Commentary: Gays and Cigarettes

By Salud Garcia
Guest Writer

Phillip Morris has plans to target our community with a special brand of cigarette, the Benson & Hedges Special Kings. With their usual lack of moral conscience, Phillip Morris will market tobacco to a community already suffering from stress and health problems.

This new marketing plan is especially insidious given the fact

that tobacco companies target our youth. Since 90% of smokers begin before the age of 18, the tobacco companies prefer to market their product to this impressionable age group. Lesbian and Gay youth are at great risk.

Tobacco is a serious threat to our community. A San Francisco County Health Department study found that Lesbians and Gays have a 61% higher smoking rate than the rest of the adult populace. CARES also has statistics showing that persons diagnosed with HIV have a 5-6 year life expectancy if they smoke and 11-12 year life expectancy if they don't.▼

Commentary: Vatican Turns Its Back on Christ

By Michael Kelley
OF MGW STAFF

The Vatican recently issued a statement intended as a guide for U.S. Bishops wherein the Vatican claimed for the church, "...the responsibility to promote the public morality of the entire civil society on the basis of fundamental moral values," and then went on to promote immoral public behavior by encouraging discrimination against gay people in such areas as public housing, family health benefits and the hiring of teachers, coaches and military personnel, in direct opposition to the fundamental moral values of the Christian Church.

The scriptures tell us that Jesus will say on the last day, "Whatever you did unto the least of your brothers and sisters that you did is not only contrary to the fundamental moral values of our society but is patently against the law of our land."

The anti-Christian mischief of the Vatican's statement is further compounded by the destruction it wreaks on the traditional American family. Jesus taught us to do unto

unto me." And what the Vatican has chosen to do is to promote the sexual abuse of millions of gay children. Sexual abuse is defined as any incident that causes an individual to feel sex-related shame. And the Vatican by denying gay children the unconditional love and acceptance it offers all other children solely because of their sexuality is certainly perpetrating a most heinous form of sexual abuse. And by denying to all children the positive role models of the many gay popes and saints, athletes and war heroes, teachers and scout masters, the church denies to all children the binding love of God that heals all wounds. And in particular denies to gay children those components of growth that it knows full well are absolutely necessary for emotional health and spiritual well being. This others as we would have them do unto us. The Vatican is now encouraging Christians to do unto others what they would not want done unto themselves. And it is the families that will pay for this sin. Gay children and their brothers and sisters know in the very core of their being, their soul, when the gay children are denied the full love and acceptance of their parents, even if the parents deny their behavior to themselves. Thus the immoral behavior the Vatican advocates results in children who show their parents all due respect but who find it impossible to open their hearts to the parents who have refused to open their hearts to them. First these children withdraw emotionally and finally physically from their parents. We have all become too familiar with the now common American scene of the broken fundamentalist family, the son sick and dying, surrounded by friends and loved ones but not his parents. The mother, separated from her son by the gulf of her own and her churches sins, suffering most horribly, never able to say goodbye or offer the solace and strength of her love to the child she obviously loves more than herself.

There is no question of one Christian's sin being greater than another's. The scriptures are absolutely egalitarian on this issue; the wages of sin are death, we all die therefore we are all sinners alike, period. And Jesus has cautioned us not to judge anyone else's sins for this will lead to our being judged for our own sins instead of being forgiven them.

It is a simple matter, the statement by the Vatican is simply evil.

But what moral response is available to Americans regarding the immoral behavior advocated in this invidious statement of the Vatican's? I believe that response is evident in the fundamental moral teachings of all the world's religions. We must understand and remember. Understand that it is the statement and the behavior it advocates that are evil, not the men behind the statement. They are simply mistaken. And then remember that we are all often mistaken and forgive them their transgressions against our children and our families as we would wish to be forgiven our own transgressions. For it is truly the all abiding love of God that will heal the wounds inflicted on our society by the sin of homophobia just as it is the love of God that heals the wounds within each of us when we accept that we are a child of God, unique and precious and thus recognize the godliness in each of our brothers and sisters regardless of our culture, which influences the religious myths we were raised with, regardless of our race, which influences our physical appearance, and regardless of the sexuality we were born with, which influences only the object of our desire.▼

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Never to be A Mother

Reviewed by Alicia Gonzales of MGW STAFF

For women who find themselves childless, and not by choice, Linda Hunt Anton's *Never To Be A Mother* cannot be recommended more highly as a must-read. Writing with a loving, very intimate voice, Ms. Hunt speaks to the reader as one childless woman to another, offering her own story and those of a large, diverse number of other childless women.

The book jacket says that it is a 10 step guide to "healing the heartache" of childlessness and "leading a rich, childfree life," but it is much more than that. Armed with her own experience and those of hundreds of childless women, Hunt's *Never To Be A Mother* satisfies a more basic need: letting the permanently childless woman know that she is not alone.

Hunt explores society's attitude toward permanently childless women, and the taboo-like attitude many of us, consciously or unconsciously, adopt toward women unable to conceive or carry children to term. This examination, though brief, will be greatly appreciated by those of us who would like to deepen our understanding of the human condition.

Stories are told, in complete detail and with great emotion, of how women came to be permanently childless, or how they are coping with the decision to be permanently childless. Anger is expressed, shame and depression are explored, and guilt is confessed by childless women of all ages, race, sexual orientation, and economic backgrounds. Hunt explores all of the different losses a childless woman experiences, such as the loss of an adult child's friendship, and the loss of familial continuity.

In the section entitled, "Paths to Childlessness," an entire portion is devoted to permanently childless lesbians. Hunt points out that lesbians face a unique situation when they think about having children, such as having to raise our children in a homophobic society, legal rights of the non-biological mother, and internalized self-blame and guilt that keep us in the closet and the issue of having children at arm's length. By the time some of us have dealt with these issues, Hunt writes, we are well into our thirties, with our biological clocks "ticking away."

Part three, entitled, "Ten Steps to Resolution," is a section devoted to coping with the emotions so elegantly expressed in the previous two parts, and particularly well-written are step seven, "Rechanneling Mothering Energy," and step ten, "Embracing the Quest for Feminine Wholeness." These steps are constructive and realistic, leading the reader to see that childless can also mean childfree, as in having more time, money and en-

ergy to devote to one's self and others.

Hunt's advice is straightforward and never cliché, which, when considering the sensitivity and complexity of the subject, is enormously appreciated. Included in the book is a section which advised childless women on how to set up and maintain a self-help group. Hunt is very thorough with her advice, from where to look for members, to group dynamics and whether or not to serve alcohol.

Never to Be a Mother is also an excellent resource for the friends and partners of women who are childless not by choice. I recommend it as a book that will enhance anyone's understanding of an issue important to women but so often hidden. ▼

Librarians Stand Their Ground As New Children's Books Come Under Assault

A new line of books about children with lesbian and gay parents has come under nationwide attack. But so far, librarians have resisted demands that the books be pulled from the shelves.

Much of the controversy focuses around *Daddy's Roommate*, a picture book by Michael Willhoite about a boy whose divorced father is gay. But with ten books in print so far, publisher Sasha Alyson anticipates that his Alyson Wonderland

imprint will become the focus of more censorship attempts in the months ahead. Among the attacks so far:

* **Olympia, Wash.:** A local parent objected to finding *Daddy's Roommate* in the children's section of the library. Kathy Niblack complained that the book "says being gay is another kind of love," and insisted that it be moved to an adult section. Forty patrons showed up for a two-hour hearing on the subject, after which the Timberland Regional Library Board of Directors voted to keep the book in the children's section. Acting library director Michael Crose said this was the first such case that he'd encountered in his twelve years as a librarian.

* **Springfield, Ore.:** On May 19, residents approved a local initiative that prohibited the use of city funds to "promote, encourage, or facilitate homosexuality." However, the library had already purchased a copy of *The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans*, and children's librarian Judy Harold accepted a donated copy of *Daddy's Roommate*. Both books came under fire from local fundamentalists as part of their campaign, but so far, both books are still on the shelf.

* **Goldsboro, N.C.:** *Daddy's Roommate* came under fire here after a lead story on page one of the local *News-Argus* reported that *Daddy's Roommate* "promotes a mailing list for gay and lesbian books and videos." An editorial in the same paper set out to fan readers' worst fears by asking, "What positive influence can should [sic] a book possibly have on small chil-

dren who might happen to pick it up at the library? What is its message to the youngster who subsequently might be propositioned by an adult male in a theatre or rest room?" Wayne County Public Library board

member Shirley T. Jones said that not since a controversy over *The Joy of Sex* in 1974 had a book faced such opposition. At a special meeting on August 21, the Board of Trustees voted 7-to-2 against evicting *Daddy's Roommate*.

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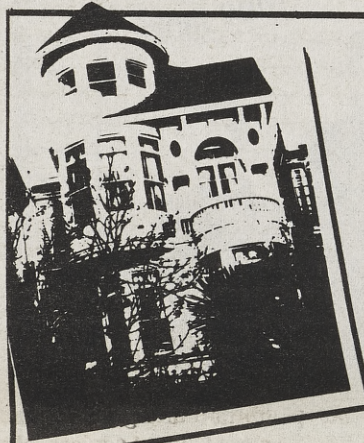
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Proprieties Sweet and Simple

Lottie (Josie Lawrence) and Rose (Miranda Richardson), perhaps the most uninhibited of the four, set aside the confinements of their stilted marriages in rainy London for what they hope will be a liberating vacation on the Italian coast.

Joining them are Lady Caroline (Polly Walker) and one Mrs. Fisher (veteran Joan Plowright), a matron of status and connections with the most notable figures of Victorian literature. Lady Caroline, young, beautiful, and a product of wealth and upper-class society, wishes for no more than to be away from her whirlwind existence of jazz clubs

and social events. Mrs. Fisher makes no bones about wanting to return to simpler, more proper times.

From an advertisement these four women are drawn together, agreeing to share one month in an Italian villa in full wisteria bloom, leaving behind their husbands, greedy friends, and the gloomy English spring rains. Needless to say, the ocean air and sunlight, the lush gardens and peasant foods, and the simple tasks of household management are coupled with slowly revealed eccentricities and the inescapable tugging of things familiar (like husbands, potential lovers, and the cozy details of an established daily routine).

Enchanted April Captures Values

Tim Kelleher
MGW Staff

Enchanted April A Miramax / Greenpoint Film

Like many films about post-World War I Britain, *Enchanted April* captures that near-desperate quest to maintain the genteel mores and centuries-old decorum so shattered by politics, changing social values, and the emerging role of women in the early 1900's.

From the very beginning we are made quiet observers of a way of life now lost, a sense of commitment to social contracts bound up in custom and rhetoric, and the risking of personal well being for hopes of happiness.

This simple story of four women vacationing in Italy unfolds through layers of post-Victorian manners as a curiously contemporary comment on feminism, human relationships, and a way of life for which today many of us strive.

From the novel written 70 years ago by Elizabeth von Arnim, *Enchanted April* brings together four very unique women from largely differing sections of British society and places them in a non-demanding, conflict-free environment limited only by their quirky personalities, expectations, and the passion for meaning in their lives.

Loving the climate, the location, and the warmth of friendship, each of these women confronts the attitudes, the personal habits, and the humorous idiosyncracies of "those Italians". In the end, returning home becomes the vehicle for regaining perspective, new definitions of affection and trust, and the memorializing of the commonplace.

In the best tradition of British film making *Enchanted April* is beautifully filmed, expertly acted, and precisely edited to capture the colors, textures, and vistas of times past.

The diversity of characters (each with her own exquisite style), the richness of decorum, and the vivid language of the times comes to life in this quaint yet powerful film. Unlike the "simple" stories of today, there is a real freshness to the subtle climax built into this tale.

Denouement flows at the viewer as powerfully unforeseen as an Italian sunset resplendent for its unnoticed arrival and mourned for its almost unnoticed setting. *Enchanted April* is the perfect film for a hot summer's eve, weaving romance with surprise, beauty in both person and place, replacing the ordinary with the delight of enchantment.▼

Simply Unforgivable

Tim Kelleher
MGW Staff

UNFORGIVEN Warner Brothers

Clint Eastwood has done it again. He has produced and directed yet another blatant example of the money-sucking and exploitive film so characteristic of Hollywood these days.

To say this film captures the true spirit of the American West may be accurate. To say it depicts the ruthless and desperate times of the late 1800's would also be accurate. To say it provides movie fans with a glimpse of the vastly beautiful landscape of the American West as the background to extraordinary human isolation and suffering would also be accurate.

What would not be accurate would be to say this film validates such values as justice, the respect for life, and personal integrity. Instead here is yet another film targeting the violence-obsessed and the macho.

To any self-respecting filmgoer eager for a study of human nature, *UNFORGIVEN* is insulting.

Billed as "a sure-fire classic" this film may be just that. But a classic what? A classic example of a well written plot? A true-to-life depiction of slaughter? A film to be held up to earlier examples of the western?

It is certainly all those things. Like most "classics" it is well acted. Eastwood, Hackman, Freeman, and Harris demonstrate their craft well given the shallow plot and weak character development. The cinematography is excellent as is the musical score. So what's missing?

Substance!

In this age of the emerging men's movement you might expect any number of films to take advantage of what might be called a new sensitivity to the issues of male bonding, role models, and masculine mythology. Instead you will be subjected to more desperate greed, senseless killing, and typical macho values.

You might expect to hear meaningful dialogue. Instead you get "Not every man has the guts to kill."

You might expect to be given some idea of what these men feel about themselves, the fate has assigned them, about loneliness, fear, or hope. Not in this "classic", not from the men themselves, nor even from a narrator.

These characters never become real. I didn't connect with any of them, didn't care about them, hardly knew anything about them.

You would think that with all the recent debate about the sleaziness of contemporary media, television, and music videos that someone in the film making business would wake up and smell the coffee.

Films with substance, contemporary values (even set within a historical context) can make money. The typical "classic western" with lots of death, maiming, cheap language, and insensitive characters doesn't work anymore. I never did define "classic" in those terms.

It is a sad comment on today's culture that people with the power and money to lift us out of ourselves at the movies produce this stuff. Such blatant disregard for greater substance, greater value, and greater artistic expression should simply be left unforgiven.▼



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off the record



Alice Di Micele Folk Singer/Songwriter

Interview by Nancy Flagg
OF MGW STAFF

Alice once tried to convince a friend to ride his bike 30 miles to her house so he could teach her to play the guitar right now. Being nighttime, he wasn't overly keen on the idea, so Alice settled for a telephone lesson on guitar tuning and learning Neil Young's "Sugar Mountain."

This same sense of passionate urgency finds its way into Alice's music. Her latest release, "Searching," explores wide-ranging topics

from the human rights/anti-war theme "And the reporters say the casualties are few/'Cause they don't count Iraqi people the same way they'd count me and you" to love songs about the land and about the people in her life. Alice emphasizes that "all people and all species can coexist and that we need to work harder on loving everyone and everything. We only have one planet and one life".

Her drive to "Make A Change," as in the title of her first tape, led her from "cleaning houses and living in the woods" five years ago to

being a full-time professional musician. What hasn't changed is that she is "still broke". Alice says she loves traveling and meeting new people, but her greatest pleasure in performing is watching faces as her songs "seep into people's hearts and move them". As I spoke with her, she was headed for the Lacouetre Orielles reservation in Wisconsin to the Protect the Earth festival in celebration of the Native American lifestyle spirituality.

When asked to describe her music, Alice laughed and responded that she always has trouble with this question. Alice credits jazz, blues, pop/rock, Stevie Wonder and folk

Music as key influences, eventually settling on the term "folk" because it can encompass all these styles.

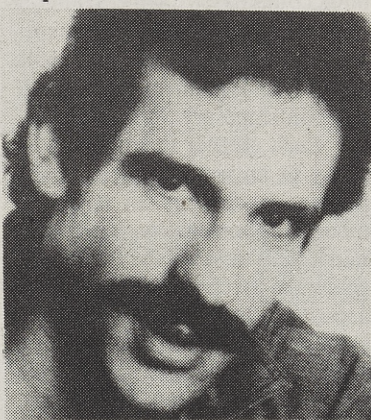
For Di Micele, songwriting has been a natural process, "I am moved by something and then I write about it." She can remember writing songs as early as age four. Back in her childhood, she sang about her girlfriends and wanting to be like them. Now, her songs are planet oriented as in *Defend the Earth*, her impassioned plea to "do what you can, do what you must/ But just do something to defend the earth."

When not performing, Alice, with her lover and the two boys they are raising, play poker with the laundry money (returning the coins to the jug when the game is over), hike, backpack and do "normal family things".

Alice's professional goals for the future are to improve her craft and to "reach and touch as many people's hearts as possible". Judging by the volume of fan mail Alice confessed to receiving, she is well

on her way.

Alice will be performing at the Blue Mango in Davis on Friday September 18.▼



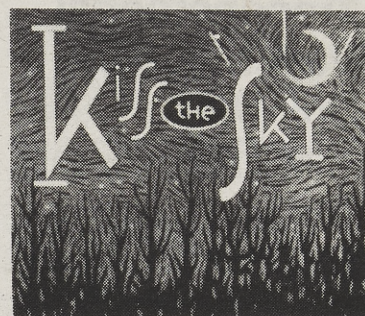
Soothing Native Tongue

Reviewed by Nancy Flagg
of MGW Staff

Elliot Pilshaw, Folk, 1984 Elliot Pilshaw

The title of this tape, *Native Tongue*, is a reference to its songs and lyrics, all of which are in Hebrew. With Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, beginning September 27, it seems a fitting time to review this collection of Jewish folk music. The production and performance are simple; primarily just Elliot's soothing, rich voice accompanied by an acoustic guitar. The uncluttered feel of his music is its strength. Try giving *Native Tongue* a spin in the cassette deck and hear it for yourself.

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Kiss The Sky Is Both Good And Bad

Reviewed by Nancy Flagg
OF MGW STAFF

Kiss The Sky, 1992 Motown Records Los Angeles, CA

This collaboration by two British artists, Paul Hardcastle and Jaki Graham has both good and bad parts. The bad is mostly in the production. For example, several of the songs have intrusive percussion noises; in one, there is an intermittent tapping, like a neighbor hammering on a home repair project and in the other, there's an annoying sound akin to a cricket loose in the recording studio. Volume modulation and tone control are weak and a few songs get repetitive, though some might say they're "in the groove".

On the plus side, Jaki is equally adept at vocalizing funk, jazz and soul sounds. Also, there is depth and texture to this upbeat production and a few jazzy solos on flute, sax and electric guitar.

All in all, the pluses slightly outweigh the minuses. A little more care taken in the recording booth would have made a world of difference.▼



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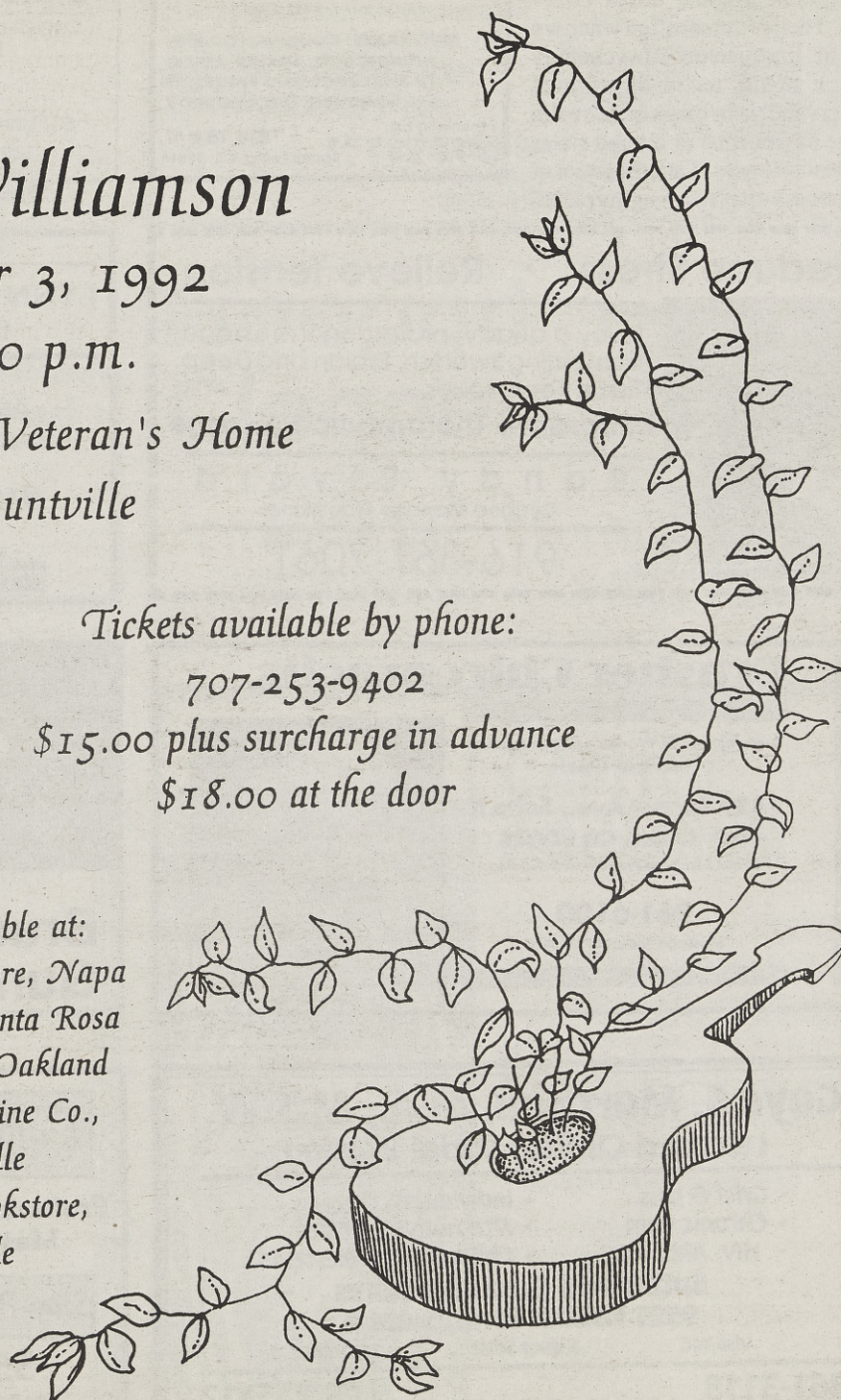
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Transpersonal Psychologies Still On The Fringe

Reviewed by Joyce Bright, MFCC of MGW STAFF

Edited by Charles T. Hart, Harper San Francisco, 486 pages in paperback, 1992 edition, \$17.

This book, first published in 1976, surely must have seemed exciting when it appeared. In the intervening years, so much has been written in this field, and so many journals have legitimized the generic concepts of transpersonal psychology that this book now seems more like a basic primer than a pioneering work.

The New Age flowering of the late 60's and 70's gave rise both to humanistic psychology and transpersonal psychology. Both were rebellions against Freudian determinism and "scientific" behaviorism. I imagine both have changed the practice of psychotherapy forever. As gays and lesbians, always on the margins and often in the vanguard of society, we have certainly been affected by the humanistic and transpersonal movements. It's humanism that says we are not inherently sick. It's transpersonal psychology that says we are all children of God -- whoever she might be. Of the two, humanistic psychology is presently mainstream; transpersonal is still on the fringe, practiced by many psychotherapists but shunned by most of our governing bodies.

So what exactly is transpersonal psychology? This book doesn't give the answer but it does point in some broad directions. I believe most often when we talk of transpersonal psychology we are in the realm of spiritual matters and sometimes in the realm of the paranormal or altered states of consciousness. Tart, the editor of this book, writes two lengthy pieces

-- one on states of consciousness and the spiritual experience, and another on the spiritual universe and the paranormal. In all, this book contains ten chapters ranging over the diversity of spiritual experiences from Christian mysticism, magic, Zen Buddhism, to Gurdjieff and contemporary Sufism.

Each chapter to some degree seeks to answer questions about human psychology in terms of theory of personality, emotions, mind, motivation -- the traditional content of psychology viewed from a spiritual discipline. For example, in the chapter on Yoga Psychology, a good presentation is made of the seven energy centers or chakras, and I suppose one might view a person according to the preponderance of energy coming from a particular chakra. A good transpersonal psychologist who has a foundation in Yoga would aid in chakra work.

The only real exception I take to this book is the chapter dealing with assumptions of orthodox western psychology. Tart's criticisms of western psychology is out-dated; humanism which in no way excludes spiritual concerns, answers most of Tart's objections. Otherwise, this book is well written and organized. It is a good primer on transpersonal psychology.

Oh, yes, and if you're interested in a transpersonal psychologist, various traditional churches can probably recommend their own counselors. The Sacramento magazine, "Changing Times" advertises New Age psychotherapists.▼

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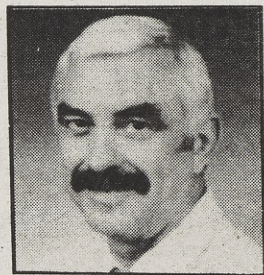
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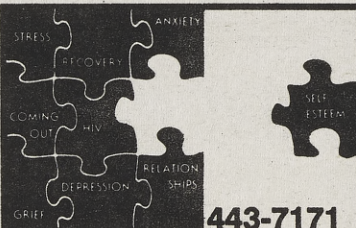
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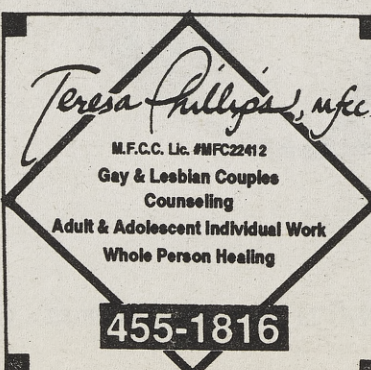
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by Joan B. Guertin
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My household has increased by one. The latest addition is Gypsy-cat, approximately eight weeks of age. I really hadn't planned to add a kitten to the family, but thanks to the irresponsibility of some unknown cat owner, Gypsy-cat and his sisters and brothers were discarded in a lot next to a restaurant off I-5 and Richards Blvd. Gypsy-cat and one sister were fortunate to be caught by some caring folks in town for the Fair.

The people with the wonderful dancing horse act at the fair this year cared enough to make an effort to rescue the kittens. They were able to trap two. The little girl will travel with the act and Gypsy-cat came home with me. The unfor-



tunate part of the story is that efforts to trap the others in the litter, failed. When found, apparently the kittens hadn't been out there too long as they weren't wild, just a bit frightened. There was no sign of a mom-cat, so the little guys were on their own. So, two of the kittens found responsible owners who will take them in to be altered as soon as they are old enough. If the original owner doesn't follow suit with mama-cat, it is probable that she is already pregnant again and the cycle will perpetuate itself.

I hope that whoever dumped the kittens had the foresight to have mama-cat spayed so that the cycle stops here for her. If not then look forward to encountering lots of stray, feral cats in the future near I-5 and Richards Blvd.

It is a sad commentary on our

society. I call it the fast-food syndrome, with our penchant for quick-fixes for everything from the way we eat to the way we seem ready to discard anything that proves itself inconvenient. Too many pets find their way into the shelters because owners make rash, emotional decisions to own a pet in the first place. Kittens and puppies are cute for a very short time. Then for many, they become nuisances. In some instances they will be tossed outside to live with food provided, but the companionship of humans non-existent. Cats can fend for themselves much better than dogs because they are more independent. Dogs are social creatures and need a pack. Take them away from other dogs and humans now become the pack. Deprived of care and guidance of their pack leaders, the puppy now becomes a juvenile delinquent and rather than spend the time to train the dog, which would solve the problems, the dog is discarded.

Responsible owners take care of their pets. They alter them to prevent unwanted litters. They confine them so that they are not nuisances in the neighborhood and they train them so that bad habits are curbed. An even more responsible individual may be the one who evaluates the responsibility of pet ownership and is honest about the fact that they may not be able to truly care for a pet. Pets take time. And they need care and companionship. There is absolutely nothing wrong with deciding not to own a pet if time constraints and lifestyle are not conducive to making it a compatible relationship.

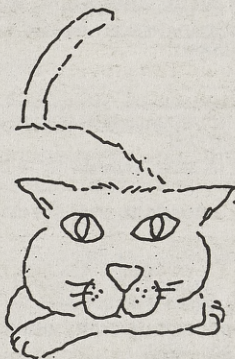
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Humane Society and the Sacramento SPCA, graphically outlines what happens over a five-year period beginning with a pair of intact, breedable cats! It is fine if they all have homes. But we know that is not the reality of the situation. Gypsy-cat and a sister were luck the others are still out there!

Cat lovers will want to attend the Cat Show sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers at Placer Village Reception Hall, 151 N. Sunrise Ave., Roseville on Saturday and Sunday, September 19-20. Show hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 485-4007 or 340-0510.

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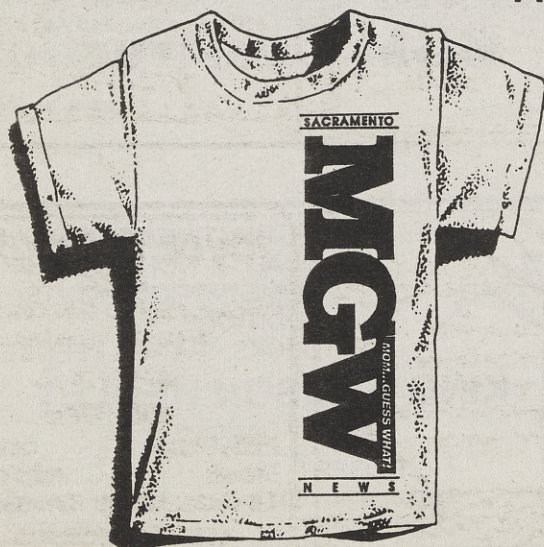
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SEPTEMBER

▼ 15 - Tuesday

PFLAG, Sacramento Chapter, 7:30 p.m. St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, basement. Will Green, M.D. facilitator; info 665-1050.

Leather Pride Week, S.F. - Headquarters Official Welcome, 6:30-9 p.m., Headquarters, New Zealand Barbeque (Lamb of course), 8 p.m. San Francisco Eagle, 415-252-1195.

Common Sense Dog Training, puppies, beginning, intermediate and advanced puppies. Elk Grove High School Joan Guertin 485-2201

Heart to Heart HIV+ Support Group 6:30 - 8 pm. SAF, 920 20th St. 448-2437

▼ 16 - Wednesday

Business Alliance of Networking Gays meeting, Andiamo Restaurant, 3145 Folsom Blvd., 7 p.m.; 457-3269.

Leather Pride Week, S.F. - Mr. Drummer Basket, Auction, 8 p.m. San Francisco Eagle, 252-1195.

Business Alliance of Networking Gays, 7 pm Andiamo Restaurant, 3145 Folsom Blvd. **Common Sense Dog Training**, puppies, beginning, intermediate and advanced puppies. La Sierra Park Joan Guertin 485-2201

The MENS Session Meeting Erotic Needs Safely 7 - 9 pm SAF, 920 20th St. 448-2437

Affirmative Action Day Luncheon celebration featuring cultural displays, speakers and resource fair. 10:00 to 2 pm, Gazebo Lawn, UCD Medical Ctr. 2315 Stockton Blvd

▼ 17 - Thursday

Fajitas, Fixin's & Friends, a get together for Ken Burt, San Juan School Board, 6-9 p.m., \$25/fajita eater; RSVP 487-7324.

Women's Coming Out Group, child care, 6-7:30 p.m. LAMBDA Center, 442-0185.

Leather Pride Week, S.F. - Drummer Salutes Leatherwomen, IML, 6-8 p.m. Cocktails, Fetish & Fantasy Ball, A.E.F. Benefit, 8 p.m., Club Colossus, 1015 Folsom St., 252-1195.

National Championship Air Races, Reno, Stead Airport 702-972-6663, thru Sept. 20.

Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Fair, Festival Grounds, 209-369-2771; thru Sept. 20.

SAGA IV Rolling Skating Party 8:30-10:30 p.m., Foothill Skate Inn, 4700 Auburn Blvd., near Madison, \$5; info: Tom 635-1535 or Keith 455-0986.

Human Rights Awards, with Keynotes speaker Dick Cable for the Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission, 6 p.m. \$25 Barbara Lehman, 444-6903 ext. 132 for tickets.

▼ 18 - Friday

Youth Group, 5:45 p.m., Library, LAMBDA Center, 442-0185.

Youth AA, 8 p.m., Library, LAMBDA Center, 442-0185.

Youth Group, Main Room, 5:45 p.m., LAMBDA Center, 442-0185.

Cafe Lambda, Grand ReOpening with cabaret entertainer Michael Jackson, Main Room, free coffee, LAMBDA Center, 442-0185.

Leather Pride Week, S.F. - BInternational Finals Drummerboy Part I, 6 p.m. Doors open, 7 p.m. Contest Begins, 252-1152 info.

Draft Horse Classic & Harvest Festival, Grass Valley Fairgrounds, 916-273-6217; thru Sept. 20.

Summer SAMMIES Concert, Pope Alopes and Cake. Free, 5-7:30 p.m. Plaza Park, 9th and J Streets.

US National Handcar Races 4:30 pm, Old Sacramento, 445-7387

SACWN Pam Walton presents her new movie "Gay Youth" Clarion Hotel. Linda 486-8985.

SACWN "Out in Suburbia", Clarion Hotel, 16th & H, 6:30 buffet dinner, networking; 7:30 program begins, \$15 pre-registered members, \$18 non-members & at-the-door members.

Miniature Golf at the Mine Shaft GSAC, Greater Sacramento Couples a gay couples group. 422-5049.

Mr Drummer Introduction of the studs, 7 pm, King Street Garage, 174 King Street. SF 415-252-1195.

Women's Music Nite Alice Dimecele, Folk Performer \$5, 9 pm The Blue Mango in Davis

▼ 19 - Saturday

Sex Talk, 9-12:30 p.m., Main Room, LAMBDA Center, 442-0185.

Youth Social 5-11 p.m., Main Room, LAMBDA Center, 442-0185.

Celebration by the Sea, Art & Wine Festival, Caitola Village, 408-688-7377.

Artichoke Festival, Castroville, 408-633-2465.

Arts Festival, Old Mill Park, Mill Valley, 415-381-0525.

KYMX Balloon Festival, Rancho Murieta Airport, 441-5282.

Renaissance Pleasure Faire Age of Exploration Weekend Elizabethan Costume Competition Novato 1-800-52-FAIRE.

Mr Drummer Erotic Fantasies presentations, 7 pm, In the tent, 12th and Harrison. SF 415-252-1195.

US National Handcar Races 9 am, Old Sacramento, 445-7387

▼ 20 - Sunday

Operation Rescue National, pro-choice people needed; clinic defense and escort training 11 a.m., Wynn Park, 28th & P St., info: SACORR 763-7705.

19th Annual Home Tour, Sac. Old City Assoc., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., tickets \$10-\$12.50, 455-2935 info.

Leather Pride Week, S.F. - Mr. Drummer Victory Brunch, 10 a.m. Folsom Street Fair, 10 a.m., Tea Dance, 12noon, in front of the S.F. Eagle, 12th & Harrison, Pigs in Paradise IV Dance Party, 6 p.m. Club townsend, 252-1195 info.

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▼ 21 - Monday

Sacramento Women's Chorus first rehearsal 1992-93 season. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. 6:30-8:30 p.m.; info: 424-4411.

Men's Coming Out Group, Main Room, LAMBDA Center, 5:30 p.m.

Women's Rap Group, Main Room, LAMBDA Center, 7 p.m., 442-0185.

▼ 22 - Tuesday

SAGA Tennis, "Net Rush" informal tennis group. McKinley Park, 6:30 p.m., info: 481-9618.

Capitol Squares, 6-9 p.m., Main Room, LAMBDA Center, 442-0185.

▼ 23 - Wednesday

March on Washington, 8-9:30 p.m., Library, LAMBDA Center, 442-0185.

▼ 24 - Thursday

Fashion Show, benefit for San Joaquin AIDS Foundation, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Stockton Hilton, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd., Stockton, \$20; 209/476-8533.

Bay to Breakfast Senior Walk, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, 415-353-6565.

SAGA IV Rolling Skating Party 8:30-10:30 p.m., Foothill Skate Inn, 4700 Auburn Blvd., near Madison, \$5; info: Tom 635-1535 or Keith 455-0986.

Crocker Art Promoters presents "Blue Thursday", 5:30-8:30 p.m., Bill Scholer Blues Band, catfish fry \$5, no host-bar, Crocker Art Museum, 3rd & O Sts., 264-5423.

▼ 25 - Friday

Youth Group, 5:45 p.m., Library, LAMBDA Center, 442-0185.

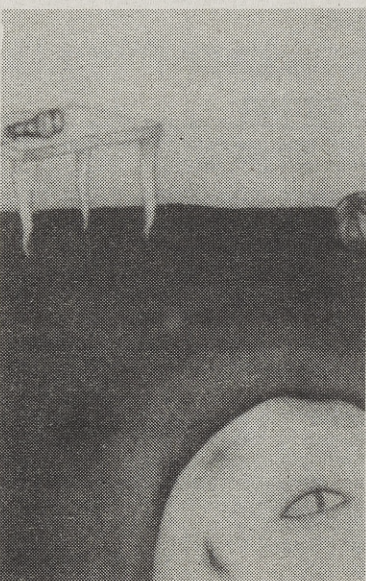
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Women's Weekend 21 at the Russian River, call Fife's at 800-734-3371 or the Woods at 800-479-6637.

GSGRA RODEO, San Diegos, Thru Sept 27 **Summer SAMMIES Concert**, Little Charlie & the Nightcats. Free, 5-7:30 p.m. Plaza Park, 9th and J Streets.

Sacramento Symphony Enrique Diemecke conducts Ruth Golden, Thomas Woodman and the Symphony Chorus. 8 pm 649-0200.

Chinese Magic Revue, UC Davis 757-3199

Harvest Festival and crafts faire 12 - 10 pm CCC 14 & J sts, 264-5181

Sacramento Blues Festival Featuring Chuck Berry. Old Sacramento 5 pm to midnite, 558-3912

▼ 26 - Saturday

Traffic School Library, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., LAMBDA Center, 442-0185.

Youth Group, Main Room, LAMBDA Center, 5-11 p.m., 442-0185.

County WineFest, Nevada City Foundry's Stone Hall, 916-265-5040.

50's Car Show & Dance Petaluma, 707-765-6948.

Air Fair, Nut Tree Airport, Vacaville, 707-446-0322.

Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival, Sonoma, parade, grape stomp, 707-996-2109.

Capital City Squares, Introductory Square Dance, Central United Methodist Church, 53rd & H Sts.; info: George Fox, 929-8697.

Pre-Holiday Folk Art Show & Sale, Sacramento History Museum, 101 I St., Sac; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; 264-7057.

Women's Weekend at the Russian River, Fife's Sappho's Poolside Party 1 p.m. \$12, 800-734-3371. The Wood's Dinner Theatre Caaret with Melanie DeMore 7p.m. \$8, \$12 w/ dinner 800-479-6637.

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Raging Waters Gay & Lesbian Day, SJ, 408-450-2265

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Camping Women Golden Gate Park Bike Hike. Marsha 366-8414

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Sacramento Mile Motorcycle races and Harley Party 5:30 pm Cal Expo 714-533-4444

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▼ 27 - Sunday

Pumpkin Patch Festival, Great Scarecrow Contest, Pumpkin Weigh-off, Nut Tree, 707-448-6411, thru Oct. 31.

Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival, Sonoma, parade, grape stomp, 707-996-2109.

Women's Weekend, Day on the Green Concert with Rhiannon and Thelma Houston. 1 p.m. \$15, 800-734-3371.

Sacramento Symphony Enrique Diemecke conducts Ruth Golden, Thomas Woodman and the Symphony Chorus. 3 pm 649-0200.

Renaissance Pleasure Faire Good Spirits Weekend, amateur homebrewing competition, wine tasting, spirited processions. Novato 1-800-52-FAIRE.

Sacramento Blues Festival Featuring Chuck Berry. Old Sacramento noonto 8 pm, 558-3912

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SoFA Faire, South First Street, San Jose, South Bay Leather & Uniform Group, 929-SLUG.

GSGRA RODEO, San Diegos, Thru Sept 27

▼ 28 - Monday

Men's Coming Out Group, Main Room, LAMBDA Center, 5:30 p.m.

Women's Rap Group, Main Room, LAMBDA Center, 7 p.m., 442-0185.

Twin Spirits Vet. Assoc. Discussion on upgrading discharges with Nevada County Veterans Affairs Officer Dan Tanner, 7:30 pm, MCC Grand Ballroom, 2741 34th St

Women's Rap and Social Group "Lesbians Dealing With Hatred" 7:15 - 8:30 pm, Lambda Center, 19th & 20th sts. 442-0185.

How to Eat Well on the Run Nutrition class with Carol Redard, RDPHD 7 - 9 pm SAF 920 20th St

▼ 29 - Tuesday

SAGA Tennis, "Net Rush" informal tennis group. McKinley Park, 6:30 p.m., info: 481-9618.

ACT UP, 8 p.m., Main Room, LAMBDA Center.

Neil Diamond, ARCO Arena, 8 p.m., \$25.00, 928-6900.

Heart to Heart HIV+ Support Group 6:30 - 8 pm. SAF, 920 20th St. 448-2437

AIDS Outreach Volunteer Training A continuing series of Safer Sex trainings for women and men. Lambda Community Center 6 - 9 pm 442-0185

▼ 30 - Wednesday

Youth Movie: "Torch Song Trilogy" Main Room, 4 p.m. LAMBDA Center.

Neil Diamond, ARCO Arena, 8 p.m., \$25.00, 928-6900.

▼ THEATRE ▼

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California's Original Theater Co., Madame Mao thru Sept. 20. 922 12th St., Box 188471, 95818, 442-2399.

Celebration Arts, 391-6917. "Get Off With Me, thru Oct. 3.

Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Cam., 489-7529. "Rumors", thru Oct 11; "Other People's Money", Oct. 23-Nov. 29.

Delta King Theater, 1000 Front St., Old SAC, 444-KING.

The Piper Playhouse, Drytown, 415-592-2520. "Bad Day at Dry Creek," thru Sep. 5.

Foothill Theater Co., Box 1812, Nevada City, 95959.

Theater Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 415-861-5079. "Bent", thru Oct. 17; "A Queer Look (at the holidays)", Nov. 12-Dec. 19.

Idea Gallery Theater, 3414 4th Ave., 447-6209.

Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185. "Spare Parts", Oct. 2-24.

"Best of Broadway", Loretto High School, Hiram Johnson Aud., 65th St. & 14th, 482-5846, thru Sept. 26.

SAC City Actors Theater, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228. "The Boyfriend, Nov. 13-Dec. 12.

Sacramento Theater Co., 1419 H St., 443-6722. "The Immigrant: A Hamilton County Album", thru Nov. 22; "The Heidi Chronicles", Oct. 2-25; "A Christmas Carol", Nov. 27-Dec. 24.

The Show Below, 22nd & L St., 446-2787. "Shirley Valentine", thru Oct. 17; "Equus", Nov. 13-Dec. 19.

University Theatre, CSUS, 6000 J St., 278-6368. "La Ronde", Oct. 15-25; "Les Liaisons Dangereuses", Nov. 6-22.

▼ GALLERIES ▼

Archival Framing Gallery, 1729 L St., 444-9524. "Behind the Blue Door" Works by Gay Leonard. Thru Sep. 25

Crocker Art Museum, 3rd & O St., 264-5423. **Landmarks of Early California Painting**, thru Sep. 27; **Early 20th Century California Painting**, thru Oct.; **Nancy and Alan Gerbault: Coup De Grace**, Aug 7 - Sep 20.

Himovitz-Miller Gallery, 550 Pavilions Ln., 925-5917. "Stepping into the Season," Sep. 8-Oct. 3.

Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd., 488-1211. **Wildlife Art** by Lesley Harrison, new works by Don Hatfield, Native American Images by Richard Luce. Starts Sept. 19, Works of Michael Schofield, Max Hayslette, Chris Anderson.

La Raza Galeria Posada, 704 O St., 446-5133. **Lomahatwa: Looking for Beauty in the Future**, Linda and Dan Lomahatwa, Hopi/Choctaw artists, thru Oct. 25.

Lite Rail Gallery The Lite Rail National, a screened exhibition of visual art. Thru Sep. 26. 922 12th St 441-1013.

Matrix Gallery, Fine Crafts at Matri 921725 I St. 95814, 441-4818. I

John Natsoulas Gallery, 140 F St., Davis, 756-3938. **All Creatures Great and Small** benefit for Yolo Co. SPCA thru Sep 20. Recent paintings by Hassel Smith, bronze and clay sculpture by Sandra Shannonhouse, Sept. 26-Oct. 18.

Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th, 448-8723. **Julia Couzens**, Judi Keen, Don Satterlee, thru Oct. 3. **Miriam Davis**, Paul Dipsasqua, Julian Faulkner, Roy Tellefson, Oct. 7-Nov. 11.

Richard L. Nelson Gallery, Dept. of Art, UC Davis, 752-8500. **Selected Recent Acquisitions**, various artists, thru Nov. 6. **Selections from the Collection: Wayne Thiebaud Prints**, thru Dec. 12. **Paragary's**, 28th & N Sts. Raku and Clay works by James Sedlar and Valentino Fernandez. Thru Aug. 21

SAC Valley Photographic Art Center, 702 57th St., 95819.

Spectrum/Himovitz Gallery, 511 Harrison, S.F., 415-495-1113. **Suzanne Adan**, Michael Stevens thru Oct. 9.

IDEA Gallery Lost Sight a multi media presentation by Jean Gallagher and Jim Lewis. Sept 5 to Oct 17, 3414 4th Ave 452-0949

The Shenandoah Gallery, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, CA, 209-245-4455. **Carol Attoe**, Suzan Goodban, Barbara Milman, Sep. 6 - Oct. 28.

University Union Exhibit Lounge, 6000 J St., 278-7250, 278-6595. **Face Lift**, thru Sept. 25.

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